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Manchester United's Mike
Duxbury heads clear from
West Brom's Peter Eastoe.



Liverpool's unsettled star Craig Johnston — his name was linked in a possible swap deal with Eric Gates.

WANT-away striker Eric Gates has hit out at the price Ipswich have placed on his head.

He claims that the club are asking £500,000 and he says: "That's nothing short of scandalous."

"No-one has that sort of money any more and the club have also made it clear that they aren't interested in a player exchange deal."

"Obviously it's not going to help me get away quickly," says Eric, who has been on the transfer list since the beginning of the season.

"I've no grievance with Ipswich, but I've felt for the last six months that things at Portman Road just haven't been right."

"Then we got off to a bad start this season and the accusing finger was pointed at one or two players who I felt didn't deserve it. That's when it came to a head for me."

Eric is infamous for the time he walked out on Ipswich a few years ago, but he says: "I'm a strong willed sort of person and when I see something wrong I like to do something about it. That's why I returned home to the North East a few years back when I felt I wasn't getting a first team chance."

"I've had a long chat with manager Bobby Ferguson and he's told me that he doesn't want me to go. But I need a fresh challenge."

REPORTER Anthony Hawkswell brings you the inside story behind Eric Gates decision to quit Ipswich. Read the truth about the manager, the money and the man himself.

I feel as though I'm becoming a run of the mill player.

"I've got nothing against the new manager. I get on great with the fellas. It's a personal decision to go."

"I've known Bobby since I joined the club and I've played in the youth, reserve and first teams under him."

"My decision to go has nothing to do with money either. In fact I'll lose out financially. I'm due for a testimonial at Ipswich next season."

"I did have an offer — a very good one — to go and play in Greece, but I want to stay in the English First Division. I've got no ambitions to play abroad."

Eric has been hurt by criticism in some quarters that he's not being loyal to the Suffolk club. He says: "I've been here ten years and

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- **Programme review** — with a different club programme coming under the 'Match' microscope each week.
- **Programme swaps** — where you can exchange programmes with your

fellow readers.

- **Tips on how to collect and keep your programmes.**

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LOUS!

... I'm being priced out of the market
— Eric Gates

always done my best for them — how more loyal can you be?

"While I'm at the club I'll always give 100 per cent. I couldn't do anything else. I wouldn't let the club or myself down.

"I don't want people accusing me of not trying or letting my team-mates down," adds Eric.

"The accusing finger was pointed at one or two players who I felt didn't deserve it."

who has made more than 200 League appearances for the club since joining them straight from school.

"I've had some good times with Ipswich and have enjoyed myself at the club. They've looked after me, but I also feel I've given them something back in return," says Eric, who has won two full England caps and picked up a UEFA Cup winners medal during his time with the Suffolk side.

His name has been linked with a swap involving Liverpool's unhappy Craig Johnston, but the only firm bids he knows about

"A move to Maine Road would have appealed to me."

involve Manchester City and Sunderland.

"A move to Maine Road would have appealed to me," admits Eric. "They are a big club with a lot of potential. Unfortunately the players John Bond was offering in exchange weren't our manager's kettle of fish.

"A return to the North East — I was born in Ferryhill near Sunderland — would also have been nice.



Former Ipswich manager and new England boss Bobby Robson — "He's told me that I figured in his international plans," says Eric.

"Obviously I'd prefer to go to a club that has chance of winning things, but that's not up to me."

Ipswich have suffered one of their worst starts to the season for many years, but Eric doesn't believe it has anything to do with the change of management.

He says: "The poor start was down to the players. We just weren't doing it."

"We all knew for a long time that Bobby Robson was going to get the England job and a lot of the time last season Bobby Ferguson took control of the first team. It has made no difference at all this season.

"Much of the credit for Ipswich Town's success in recent years is down to Bobby Ferguson. We all



Eric Gates — "I've felt for the last six months that things haven't been right at Portman Road."

appreciate what he's done for us."

Eric is hoping that the appointment of his old manager Bobby Robson can help him revive his England career.

He picked up his two caps — against Norway and Rumania — during Ron Greenwood's reign and he says: "So far my England career has been short and sweet. I'd love to play for my country again."

"When I was on a club tour of America Bobby Robson told me that I figured in his international

plans. Now it's up to me to play well and earn my place."

Eric made his international debut against Norway in September 1980 when England won 4-0.

"I played in the following game against Rumania but I shouldn't have — I was ill and had to come off at half-time."

"I was picked for the next squad against Switzerland but had to pull out because my wife was having a baby. I wasn't picked again."



Leeds' Scottish international full-back Frank Gray — enjoys the freedom of midfield.

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HAPPY FAMILY

FRANK GRAY knows who's boss at Elland Road. He should do — it's his brother Eddie!

And that's why he doesn't argue about playing in midfield for Leeds while he's currently Scotland's first choice left-back.

Eddie believes he's most use to the club in his brother's recognised position and Frank's not complaining.

The two Grays find themselves in an unusual situation but, according to former Forest favourite Frank, it makes no difference that his boss is also his brother.

He told 'Match Weekly': "There's no problem from the point of view of Eddie being manager.

"When he's playing in the team, he just does his job like anyone else.

"From my own point of view, I've never really thought about whether I prefer a full-back or midfield role.

"I began as a midfielder with Leeds ten years ago and enjoy the freedom of playing in the middle of the park."

BIRMINGHAM'S indifferent form this season has called for drastic action from manager Ron Saunders.

The Birmingham boss has called in the services of a Romany gipsy to lift an old curse put on the club many years ago.

The story goes that when Birmingham moved to their present St Andrew's ground, they displaced a gipsy encampment.

That was in 1906 and a gipsy stated that Birmingham would never enjoy any success.

Says Ron: "Since I've been with Birmingham, we have had nothing but bad luck. I am starting to believe there must be something in the gipsy's curse which hangs over the ground. It's uncanny."

A few years ago, while with Aston Villa, he called in an exorcist to rid them of an evil spirit.

It may have been a good gimmick but Villa did win the European Cup last season.

For the record, Birmingham have never been higher than sixth in the First Division and were beaten in their only two FA Cup Final appearances.

Their only major success

Ron's plea: 'Lift our curse'

was winning the League Cup in 1963.

Now the arrival of the Romany gipsy, Walter, will be watched with great interest.

Emlyn lashes likely lads

ROTHERHAM player-manager Emlyn Hughes has launched a scathing attack on some of the younger players in the game.

The former England and Liverpool skipper, still playing with the enthusiasm of a teenager after 15 years at the top, says:

"The attitude of some of today's youngsters appalls me, and that includes a few at my own club as well."

"Young players today get one or two reserve games behind them and suddenly they think they've made it."

"They want to take a long, hard look at someone like Kevin Keegan. He's been everywhere and done everything, and yet he still gives every ounce of effort in each and every game."

"They ought to realise just how lucky they are to have a job with so many people unemployed."

CELTIC'S LUCKY MASCOT

CELTIC flew in a special mascot to bring them luck against Real Sociedad in the Second Round, second leg of the European Cup... retired Dutch and FIFA referee Leo Horn!

Remember when Celtic travelled to Amsterdam to face Ajax in the First Round with the seemingly impossible task of sinking the Dutch Champions following a 2-2 draw in Glasgow?

Well they did it and guess who was sitting in the stand as an interested spectator? Leo Horn.

And it's no one-off... Says Leo: "As a Dutchman, I wanted Ajax to win, but from the first whistle I had this feeling Celtic would do it. I have never seen a team from Scotland defeated!"

"And in my refereeing days, I took charge of three games between Scotland and England — in 1962, 1963 and 1964. Scotland won each time."

"After the third win, they were so happy with me they even thought about asking FIFA to make sure I was the referee for all their games!"

"I met the Celtic people after the game in Amsterdam and they told me they had me to thank for pulling the tie out of the fire."

ATKINSON TELLS ENGLAND: BRING IN BAILEY!

A CALL has gone out for young Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey to be given a chance at full international level.

And it comes from none other than his Old Trafford boss Ron Atkinson.

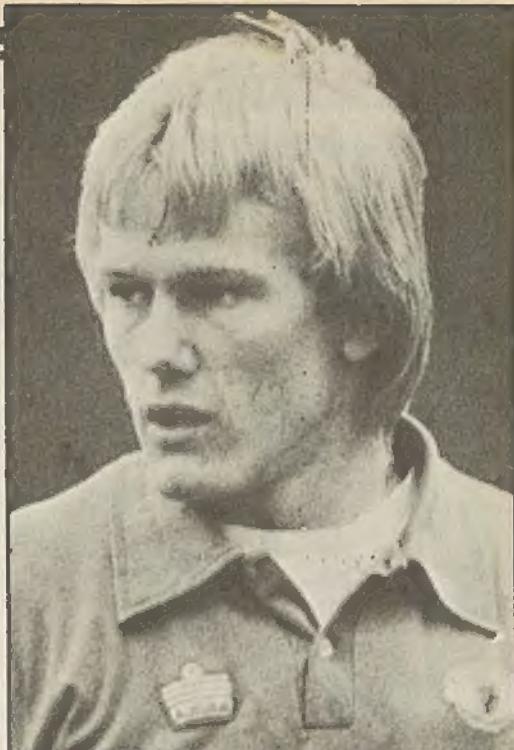
The United manager believes it's only a matter of time before Gary succeeds to the goalkeeping throne and says he ought to be given a taste of the international scene in case of emergency.

Gary, capped at England Under-21 level, was

on the subs bench for the prestige friendly against West Germany at Wembley last month — replacing the injured Spurs 'keeper Ray Clemence.

And, says his club boss: "Gary deserves his chance. I believe now is the time to test him in one or two friendly matches so he isn't thrown in at the deep end when an emergency arises.

"Gary is obviously in line to succeed Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence and Joe Corrigan when they quit and that must be on the horizon because they are all around the 34 age mark."



Gary Bailey — deserves an England chance, says his boss.

Jibes for Jake . . .

LUTON goalkeeper Jake Findlay has taken plenty of good-natured banter from his team-mates after coming bottom in our 'Top Stoppers' table designed to find the safest goalkeepers in the First Division.

"The lads well and truly got at me when that appeared," says the Scot.

"The copy of 'Match Weekly' was pinned on the wall for everyone to see and they kept telling me if only I pulled my socks up, we'd take the title with no trouble.

"Seriously though, the lads all know that our 'goals against' column isn't down solely to me.

"It's the way we play the game. And, after the praise we've received so far this season for our attacking approach, there's no-one here, not even me, who'd want to change that."

KELLY'S KIDS ON THE UP!

MIDFIELDER Eddie Kelly (right) is convinced he can help lead Leicester City to promotion from the Second Division for the second time in three seasons.

Despite an indifferent start to the season, the former Arsenal star says: "We've got a terrific squad of young players here, with loads of talent.

"I feel it's just a question of how quickly we can adjust to manager Gordon Milne's requirements, before we really start to assert ourselves in the promotion race."

Eddie, who also achieved promotion to the First with Notts County in 1981, adds: "I've still got a couple of years of top level soccer in me yet, and I expect to be playing it with Leicester."

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Everton v Arsenal
Notts Co. v Chelsea
Birmingham v Derby Co.
Coventry v Burnley
Bradford v Manchester Utd
Manchester City v Southampton
Luton v Blackpool
Leeds v Huddersfield
Sunderland v Norwich
Gillingham v Tottenham
C. Palace v Sheffield Wed.
Brentford v Swansea
(Games to be played November 8, 9 or 10)

SOCER'S cream are in danger of bottling out in the Third Round of the Milk Cup which provides a paradise for would-be giantkillers.

And it's the Third Division clubs who have been handed the chance of providing the Cup shocks with Bradford taking on League leaders Manchester United, Lincoln entertaining West Ham and Gillingham facing FA Cup holders Spurs.

Blackpool — the only Fourth Division side left in the competition — also have their chance of cup glory. They travel to free scoring Luton.

of players on the staff who've got experience of playing at the highest level."

Brentford striker Francis Joseph was disappointed with his team's home draw with Swansea — he wanted a local derby game with one of the London First Division clubs.

"Swansea don't have much of a following so I don't expect much of an atmosphere on the night. If we'd have drawn someone like Spurs, Arsenal or West Ham it would have been a night to remember."

"Having said that, I'm sure that we can beat the Welsh side. They haven't had the best of starts this season. I think



Lincoln's George Shipley warns West Ham: 'we're not scared.'

we've got the best chance of pulling off a shock result."

"It's not really on for a Third Division side to dream of going all the way to the Final. The most we can hope for is to pull off a few shocks on the way. Swansea could be in for a surprise," adds Francis, who joined Brentford from Wimbledon in the close season.

Lincoln striker George Shipley is also confident that his team can pull off a shock. He says: "On current form we must fancy ourselves against West Ham."

"We've got to go into the game thinking we've got a good chance and at the moment we're full of confidence," says George, who's team are currently sitting proudly at the top of the Third Division.

"The draw has really caught the imagination of the Lincoln

public. Within hours of hearing the draw the game had been made all-ticket."

"There's no way that we'll be overawed at the prospect of facing West Ham. We're under no illusions that it's going to be tough but we're not scared of them."

Would-be giantkilling acts apart, the Third Round draw threw up some other mouthwatering ties.

There are four all-First Division games with Forest taking on Watford, Everton at home to Arsenal, Manchester City against Southampton and Sunderland facing Norwich.

Manchester City's Graham Baker gets a chance to put one over on his old club at Maine Road and former Liverpool favourite Emlyn Hughes takes his Rotherham team to Anfield in a bid to topple the League Champions.

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WHATMORE ESCAPES CITY 'SENTENCE'

JAIL-BREAK!

BIRMINGHAM outcast Neil Whatmore claims he has been "rescued from jail."

And it's his old boss Jim Smith who has broken him out by taking him to Oxford on loan.

The 27-year-old goal-poacher, a £300,000 signing from Bolton at the start of the season, found himself on the transfer list as the season drew to a close.

And the Ellesmere Port-born player, scorer of more than 100 League goals in his career says:

"It's obvious that new Birmingham manager Ron Saunders doesn't see me fitting into his plans. He's made it crystal clear I'm not the type of player he wants.

"I have been fighting a losing battle from the start but even after Ron Saunders had put me on the list I was determined to prove to him that I could still score goals.

"But I wasn't considered for any of the pre-season games and I don't think I've been given a decent chance.

"Prior to me getting a game this season Ron Saunders tried everyone else — midfield players and everything.

"And when he played Colin Brazier, a centre-half, and wingman Frank Carrodus as the main strike pair in our home game against Watford I knew my time had really been cut short.

Ironically, the first of Neil's two outings for Birmingham this season coincided with the club's first victory — a 1-0 defeat of Coventry.

"Striker Mick Harford was injured and I played up front with Tony Evans, but the Saturday after Tony Evans was injured when we were beaten 1-0 at Brighton and I was dropped for the following match."

It was in the middle of last month when Oxford manager Jim Smith — the man who had taken him to St Andrews — arrived on the scene.

And Neil claims: "He got me out of jail. He gave me a chance of first team football.

"I told him what had been going on and he told me that Oxford had been playing well but needed a few more goals knocking in. He hopes I can do it for him."

Neil certainly started off in the best possible way — scoring on his debut for Oxford in a 4-2 home defeat of Walsall.

"I always enjoy scoring goals," says Neil, "but Jim Smith probably told everyone that was why he lured me from St Andrews, so I

suppose it was a shared joy when I knocked one in early on."

Neil makes no secret of his respect for Jim Smith. "He looks after his players in the best way he can. I admire him for that and for the way he wants to see football played.

"He wants his team to entertain, attack and score lots of goals and I share his ideas.

"He certainly hasn't changed, even though he's in the Third Division now, and I'm really enjoying myself.

"As far as I'm concerned I'm just helping him out and I'm glad to do that because I've got a great deal of respect for the man.

"People have asked me what it's like dropping down into the Third Division. The only answer I can give is that the gulf is a lot bigger in theory than it is in practice.

"It's not as physical, it's not as slow and it's not as easy as some people make out."

Neil admits that it's too early to assess Oxford's promotion chances but he says: "After missing out on promotion last season I feel that the club is willing itself into the Second Division." The ambition flows like a torrent throughout The Manor Ground.

"The set up and atmosphere are first class and that's what gives me the impression that the club is going to do well. The players are confident and bubbling.

"They go out and enjoy their training and they're behaving as a top of the table side should. It's made it easier for me to settle in with the team being in such high spirits.

"They've tasted a bit of success and they don't want anything else. With determination like that, there's no reason why the side shouldn't stay up there and win the Championship.

"The ability of the players is exceptionally high and, on that basis, alone, I can't see any problems. It's just a matter of putting the talent together and performing consistently.

"On a personal note, my move to Oxford obviously puts me in the shop window. People will probably be looking to see if I can still turn it on. I know I can. All I need is the chance to prove it.

"I just hope that somebody comes along and puts their faith in me, then I can repay them by doing what I enjoy best — and that's scoring goals."

Left: Neil Whatmore — "I've been fighting a losing battle from the start under Ron Saunders."



A CHANGE OF HART



Paul Hart — "The time came to settle down again. The pressure was affecting my game."

FALLEN giants, Leeds, are a team transformed this season, according to big defender Paul Hart.

The once-proud club collected taunts of 'boring' and 'negative' as they slid into Division Two under manager Allan Clarke last term.

But Paul believes fans are seeing a new-look Leeds bidding for a quick return to the top flight under new player-manager Eddie Gray . . .

"Eddie is encouraging us to go forward at every opportunity," says Paul.

"We've gone from being a dour, defensive side to one looking to win every match.

"We produced a really positive performance in the 3-1 home win over Burnley and if we can build on results like that we have a good chance of going up."

But Paul warns that Leeds' reputation is going to make their bid for promotion doubly difficult.

"It's not going to be easy. We are finding teams very hard to beat as they are raising their game because of our name.

"The opposition look upon it as claiming a good scalp when they topple Leeds.

"But at least we have got out of last season's habit of losing and there is no reason why we shouldn't go from strength to strength.

"It's important for the club to get back into the First Division as quickly as possible because that's where it belongs . . . and I believe that's where I belong."

Indeed it was the prospect of Second Division football that led to Paul going on the transfer list at Elland Road.

"I never actually asked for a transfer at the time, although I had indicated to manager Allan Clarke that I wasn't too happy about the way the club was going.

"I could see that we weren't going to be a force for a while and it came as a real body blow when we were finally relegated."

Paul has since come off the list however — and celebrated his decision with his first goal of the season in the 1-1 home draw with Carlisle.

But he explains the decision took a lot of heart searching after almost a year in the shop window. And he makes no guarantees for the future . . .

"It does no good having players on the transfer list. It makes life more difficult for everyone.

"Anyway, the situation had reached something of a stalemate, and there seemed no point in me staying on the list.

"There were several clubs interested, particularly last season, but I think Leeds' high valuation (around £300,000) frightened them away.

"So I felt the time had come to settle down again and remove the pressures that had built-up during the past year.

"Some players might not have been affected by the pressures, but I felt my game suffered a little, particularly this season.

"I was always conscious of needing to do extra well every game to prove to people that I wasn't messing about because I was on the transfer list.

"That kind of situation doesn't suit anybody and so I hope my decision will benefit both myself and the club.

"I can't give any guarantees at this stage whether I shall be seeing out the remaining three years' of my contract.

"Your situation can change overnight in this game, but at the moment I am committed to trying to help Leeds back into the First Division."

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Leeds player-manager Eddie Gray.

I MADE a big fool of myself when I was sent off against Birmingham at St Andrews.

I stupidly hit Kevan Broadhurst in a moment of frustration and knew immediately that I was on my way for the infamous 'early bath'.

Looking back it's something I regret deeply. I've let down both myself and Ipswich at a time when the club can't afford to lose any of their players.

The incident was just one of those heat of the moment things. I lost control of the ball on the edge of their box and Kevan caught me on the thigh as he was trying to kick the ball away.

The first thing that flashed through my mind was that he'd tried to kick me and I was so angry that I just hit him — I realise now that he was only trying to clear his lines and the foul was unintentional.

My reaction surprised me because I've never been violent before. I can usually take the punishment and dish it out.

I was still on the ground when the referee came over to me. He simply told me to take a walk to the dressing room.

I got a fair amount of abuse from 'The Blues' fans as I trudged off the pitch. Being sent off is a numbing feeling. I was in my own world as I sat watching from the dugout.

At the time of writing I don't know what action my manager Bobby Ferguson is going to take. He told me he'd watch a video recording of the incident before making any decisions.

I do know that I'll miss two First Division games — against Nottingham Forest and Manchester City — and that's a real kick in the teeth for me. It certainly won't help my chances of playing for England in Greece.

It's the first time I've ever been sent off in a League game. I did get my marching orders in a European Cup Winners Cup game against Innsbruck but I regarded that as a joke.

On that occasion I broke through the Austrian defence and put the ball in their net — unfortunately the referee had blown his whistle and I hadn't heard it.

As I've said, I'm worried that my sending off could affect my England hopes. It depends what mind Bobby Robson is in.

I won't have played for a couple of weeks so he might decide I lack match practice. On the other hand he may think I'll be fresh after the self imposed lay-off.

Obviously I'd love to make the England line-up in Greece — even though I've got some pretty hair-raising memories of playing in Salonika.

The Greeks suddenly switched the venue for the European Championship Qualifier from Athens to Salonika and that's not good news.

I played there with Ipswich a couple of years back and it wasn't much fun. The pitch was a disgrace — it was more like a cowfield — and the fans were very hostile. We had bricks thrown through the windows of the team coach as we drove back to our hotel.

The amazing thing is that the Greeks are such fabulous people. I've always found them very friendly, but when it comes to

THE PAUL MARINER COLUMN

The Ipswich centre-forward writes exclusively for you every fortnight.



Birmingham's Kevan Broadhurst — I thought he deliberately tried to kick me and I reacted stupidly.

believe Ray is a very important cog in the England set-up.

I can't understand why he's been singled out for so much criticism recently. Everyone wants to have a go at him since he was appointed captain.

Although Ray will be hurt by some of the things that have been said I know he won't let them get him down. He'll go out even more determined to prove people wrong.

On the club front the Ipswich players had a lengthy inquest following our disappointing Milk Cup defeat at Anfield.

We had a long discussion after the game and tried to analyse what's been going wrong for us this season.

Every player is giving 100 per cent but we're not pulling together as a team. Football is a team game and at the moment we're not playing as one.

Obviously we're worried about the way things have gone. If I'd said at the beginning of the season that Ipswich would have only won two League games by the end of October you'd have thought I was crazy.

Greater clubs than Ipswich have been relegated to the Second Division. Manchester United and Tottenham will testify that no-one has a divine right to a place in the top flight.

But I don't seriously think we're in danger of relegation just yet — there's still a long way to go, although we've got to start getting our game together.

The last time I can remember being in this position with Ipswich was in 1978 — the year we won the FA Cup. I hope it's an omen!

See you in two weeks!

● Paul Mariner was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

SENT OFF!

'It could wreck my England hopes'

football they are very partisan. All hell breaks loose for the duration of the game.

I think that the sudden change of venue was a bit of gamesmanship on behalf of the Greeks. Although it may cause the FA administration a few extra problems it won't worry the players.

It doesn't matter where we play

them. The important thing for us is to get a good result.

England's cause wasn't helped by the news that skipper Ray Wilkins will miss the game after fracturing his cheek-bone in Manchester United's Milk Cup clash with Bournemouth.

It's a major blow because, despite what his critics say, I

NORWICH'S Northern Ireland international Martin O'Neill attempts to resist the challenge of Swansea defender Nigel Stevenson, during their recent First Division clash at the Vetch Field, which Swansea won 4-0.



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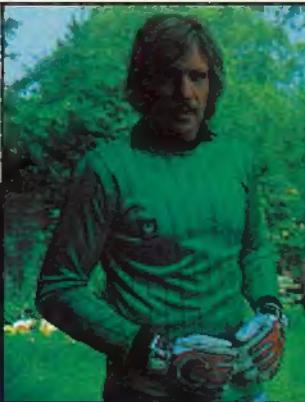
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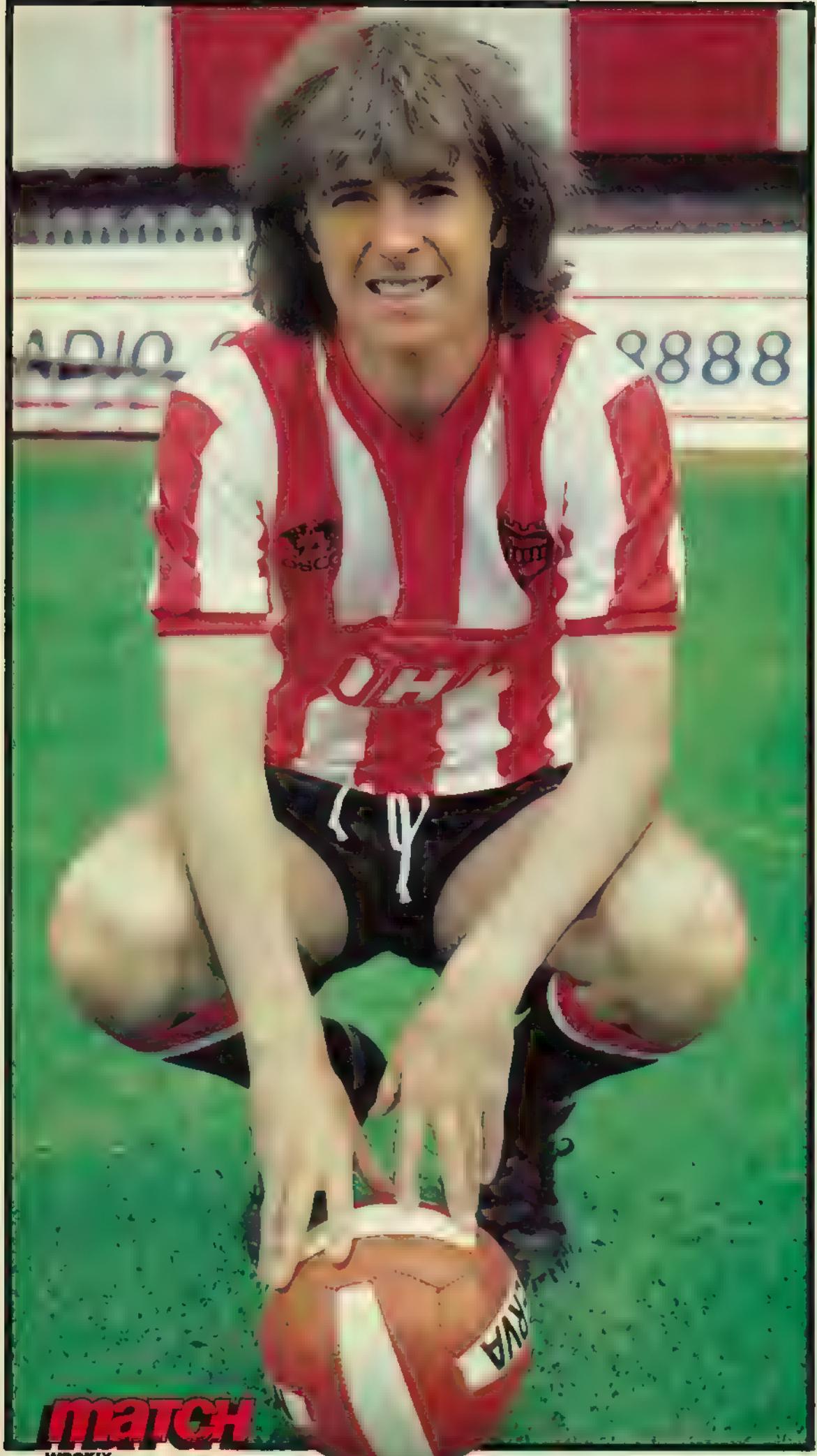
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Solutions:

1 — (from left to right) West Ham's Alvin Martin, Paul Goddard and Geoff Pike; 2 — Queen's Park Rangers' Gary Waddick; 3 — Gary Mahboubi of Spurs; 4 — Arsenal's Alan Sunderland; Graham Rix, Tony Woodscock and Brian Talbot.

'WHY ME?'

asks jinxed John Gidman

MANCHESTER United full-back John Gidman spoke this week of the injury jinx which has cursed his career.

A back injury, which could keep him out until April next year, is the latest in a long line of serious set-backs which have dogged the former England star.

During his career he has:

- Cracked his pelvis.
- Been nearly blinded in a bonfire accident.
- Undergone a double cartilage operation.
- Snapped his ankle ligaments.

It's little wonder that he sometimes sits down and asks himself: "Why does it always happen to me?"

The latest blow couldn't have come at a worse time for the attacking right-back. Manchester United are going well at the top of the First Division and look to have their best chance of winning the title in years.

"I feel really down in the dumps at the moment," admits John, who also lost his driving licence two months ago for a speeding offence.

"I know it's no good feeling sorry for myself — other players suffer with injuries — but I sometimes wonder whether I'm jinxed. I've had my fair share of problems.

"The back injury flared up towards the end of last season and although I played in the last seven or eight games I couldn't train properly.

"I had hoped that the summer rest would cure it, but after just three days back in training it went again and I missed all United's pre-season games."

The injury seemed to clear up and John managed one reserve team game... only for the pains to start up again.

"I was back to square one and realised that it was something serious," says John.

"I've never had back trouble before and didn't know how painful it could be. All I've been able to do is sit around the house and read."

"I've been to a couple of United games including the derby match against City. It was awful for me. I just wanted to be out there with the rest of the team. It really got me down."

"It's terrible not being able to train," says John who started his League career at Liverpool before moving to Aston Villa where he made more than 200 appearances and picked up a League Cup winners' medal.

"Although I've not been involved this season, I'm really pleased to see United doing so well in the First Division. With or without me I'd love to see them win the League."

While John has been sidelined, young Mike Duxbury has won many admirers with his impressive displays in the number two shirt.

And John says: "I'm delighted for Mike. He's slotted into the back four very well and has been doing a good job."

"But I'm not worried that he may pose a threat to my first team place. The time to consider that is when I'm fully fit and he's still in the side."

"At the moment I'm not even 50 per cent fit



John Gidman: "I'm really down in the dumps at the moment."

so my only thoughts concern getting back into training."

John realised that it could be a long time before he's ready to challenge for his right-back berth. "If it's a displaced disc, which the doctors suspect, I could be out until Easter," he says gloomily.

"That means I'll have missed most of the season and will only be getting back to peak fitness when the campaign comes to an end.

"If that happens I may have to consider playing in America to keep in shape during the summer."

"I don't want to get fit and then go on holiday. I've got to keep the back going right through the break so I'm ready for the new season."

John, who has been capped once by England — against Luxembourg in March 1977 — joined Manchester United at the beginning of last season, in a swap deal which took Welsh international Mike Thomas to Everton.

He was the club's regular choice at full-back last term and made 36 First Division appearances.

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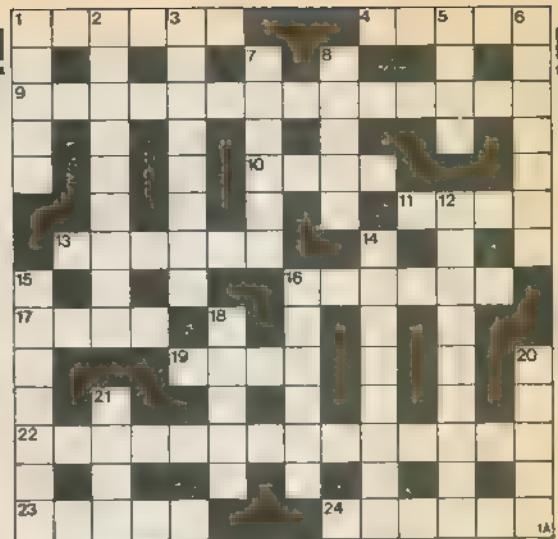
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- Cameroon World Cup star (5)
- Television competition in which viewers can win Premium Bonds for picking the best of the scoring efforts (4,2,3,5)
- Kowalski, could be (4)
- The nickname of the first club which Brian Clough managed to a First Division title (4)
- Hereford United are at home at Edgar ---, and . . . (6)
- ... Fulham can be found at --- Cottage (6)
- Move the ball on to a team-mate (4)
- They beat Ipswich in the UEFA Cup (4)
- Annfield Park is where you would see this Scottish club (8,6)
- The new manager of Oldham this season sounds very highly-born! (5)
- The headquarters of the Football League are located in --- St Annes in Lancashire (6)

DOWN

- Bob Paisley's assistant (5)
- 'Table rise' (anagram) — will they get one now that they have signed Peter Barnes? (4,5)
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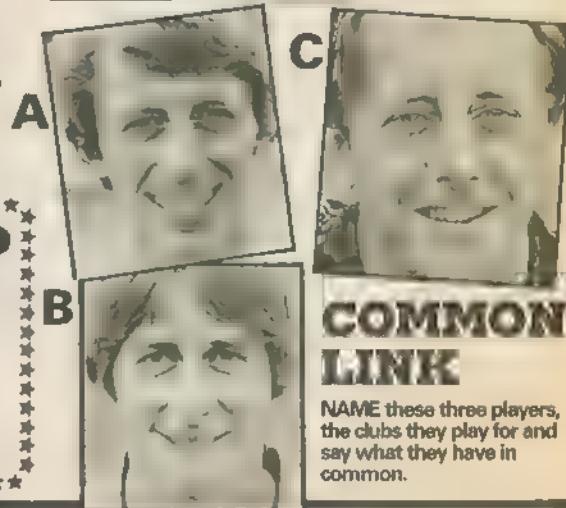
- Bury are based at Gigg --- (4)
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- ... Lee played for Bolton, Wrexham, Stockport and Manchester City (6)
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- 'Exalts him' (anagram) — the manager of 22 across from the mid 1970s (4,5)
- Club which started off with some farm buildings! (8)
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- See 3 down
- Forward — Gerwood has served many clubs (5)
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- Part of Cardiff's name but not part of Carlisle's (4)



MATCH 'EM UP

CAN you match up the following Third Division strikers with their respective clubs?

1 Alan Young	A Newport
2 Alex Bruce	B Brentford
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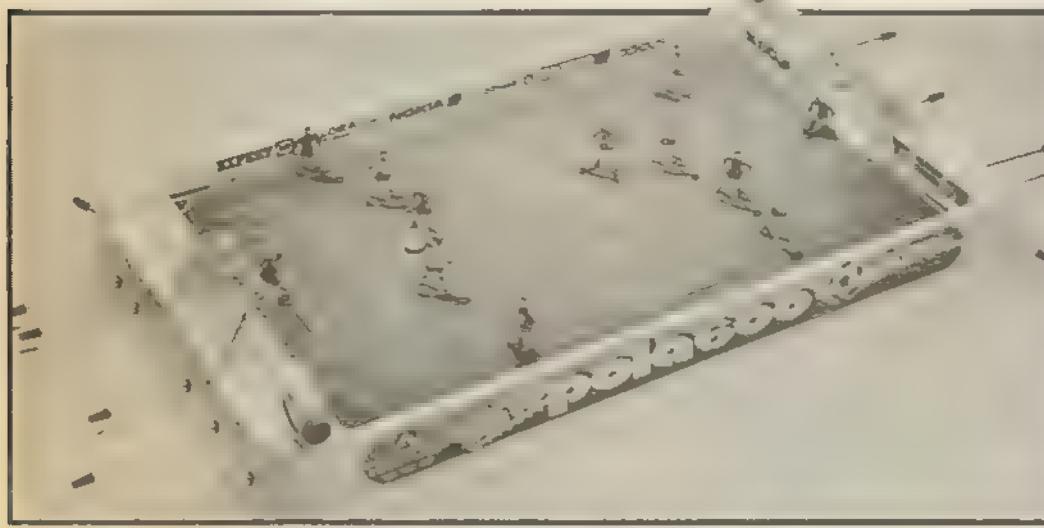
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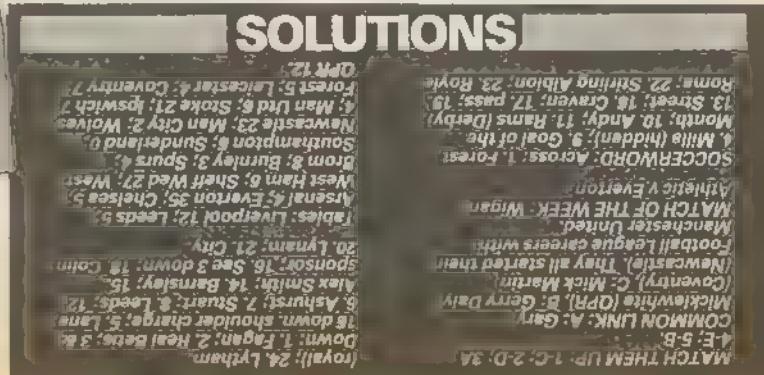
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Arsenal	24	8	1	21	8	6	3	2	11	7	35			
Everton	25	10	1	16	30	5	4	3	23	10				
Chelsea	25	6	1	21	12	6	2	5	25	16	30			
West Ham	25	7	4	11	33	12	2	5	13	19	28			
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Spurs	23	5	4	2	25	14	3	5	13	19	24			
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UNJUMBLE the letters to find out which two teams are playing each other.



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I set up an FA Cup record in the late 1970's when I won two successive winners medals with different clubs. I'm a midfield player currently playing for a London based club and have been capped six times by England — the first against Northern Ireland in May 1977.

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ROSSI ROARS OUT A CHALLENGE . . .

ITALIAN World Cup hero Paolo Rossi has thrown down the gauntlet to English clubs competing in the European Cup.

The Juventus star says: "English clubs have had a wonderful time in the competition, but it is time to put an end to their fine run."

"With the help of Boniek and Platini we should be able to challenge for the title."

"Liverpool may be our main threat and I'd like it if we met them over two legs in the Semi-Finals."

Wage rebel Rossi has now settled his pay dispute with the Italian League Champions and another Juventus player well pleased with life in Turin at present is French World Cup skipper Michel Platini.

Platini, who signed for the Italian giants following the World Cup Finals, enjoys life under manager Trapattoni who is playing him well forward alongside Rossi.

The French star says he loves the lifestyle—he lives in the mountains above Turin—and he has formed good friendships with Italian midfielder Marco Tardelli and Polish striker Zbigniew Boniek.

Paolo Rossi — in action against Brazil's Falcao "It's time we put an end to the fine run of English teams in the European Cup."



SUPPORT FOR JUPP

THE West German players are backing team manager Jupp Derwall—quashing rumours of a rift in the camp.

During the World Cup Finals, all sorts of stories of discontent came rumbling out and it's true that some internationals have decided to call it a day—Paul Breitner and Horst Hrubesch to name two.

But when skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge called for the players to put their cards on the table, they all signalled a 'yes' for Derwall.

As England manager Bobby Robson himself said before defeat at the hands of West Germany at Wembley: "Since Jupp Derwall took over as national coach, they have a record second to none."



SANTANA ADMITS MISTAKES

TEAM boss Tele Santana has made an astonishing admission in the wake of Brazil's so-called World Cup flop.

The favourites failed even to reach the Semi-Finals in Spain and Santana says: "It's partly my fault because I didn't pay enough attention to our defensive play."

"We made some terrible mistakes against Italy and they were partly my responsibility."

Santana has since accepted a terrific

offer to manage wealthy Saudi Arabian outfit Al-Ahli Djidda. He receives a signing on fee of about £350,000 and will earn about £230,000 a year.

It means the Brazilians are now looking for a new manager and while rumours are spreading that former playing superstar Pele may be enticed into the job, it's more likely that Santana's successor will be Flamengo coach Paulo Cesar Carpegiani.

● THE new boss of Yugoslavia is likely to be former international utility player Branko Zebec. He is the man tipped to take over from sacked boss Miljan Miljanic who took the blame for the Yugoslavs' disappointing World Cup.

● RINUS MICHELS, manager of Holland when they played brilliant, total football in the 1974 World Cup, may be leaving Cologne.

It is understood he has turned down the offer of a two year contract—looking to work once more with a national team with the 1986 World Cup in mind.

KEVIN Sheedy knows all about the special Liverpool-Everton derby atmosphere. The 22-year-old midfielder has played in a few in his time.

But he admits Saturday's clash of the Merseyside giants at Goodison Park will be the most important of his career.

This time he'll be playing in front of a packed house of more than 50,000 — the most that have watched him in derby action before is about 2,000!

For four years at Liverpool he had to be content with playing in the reserve fixture, which is played on the same day as the main match. Across Stanley Park — which divides the two clubs — he could almost hear the cheers.

Now Kevin makes his senior bow for arch rivals Everton after a £100,000 close season move from Anfield.

"I'm really looking forward to the game — it will be my first taste of a real derby. I just don't know what to expect because I've never even been to one as a spectator.

Different

"I've played in a few derby games, but this one will be totally different," says Kevin, who started his League career with his home town club Hereford.

"Even the reserve matches between the two clubs were special. Everyone puts that little bit extra into the encounter.

"They were hard games and nothing was given away. The first team to settle down usually won the day. I expect it's the same at the top level except on a grander scale.

"Everyone wants to play in the big derby match and it was disappointing for the players that didn't make it.

"For the whole week running up to the game the city is buzzing. Everyone is talking

DERBY DAY DELIGHT

IT'S the big one on Merseyside on Saturday when Everton take on rivals Liverpool at Goodison Park. 'Match' talks to one derby hopeful for whom the day will hold extra special appeal.

about the big match.

"It doesn't matter if you play badly and win. Victory is the most important thing to the fans."

Even though Kevin spent four years trying to break into the Liverpool side, he doesn't feel as though he's got anything to prove to his old club.

"I won't be going out there to prove Liverpool were wrong not to play me. I'll be going out there to prove Everton were right to buy me."

Kevin's First Division appearances for Liverpool were limited to just three, but he's been an ever present in the Everton line-up this season.

"The move to Liverpool was a great opportunity for me at the time but it just didn't work out," admits Kevin.

"I'm really grateful to Everton manager Howard Kendall for giving me a chance to prove myself as a First Division player.

"I've enjoyed myself at Goodison and have been quite happy with my form. I feel as

though I've settled into the side.

"It took me a little time to get used to playing in front of large crowds. In the reserves you have to make your own atmosphere and gee yourself up.

"The game is much quicker in the First Division so you've also got to be able to pace yourself through the 90 minutes."

After an indifferent start to the season, Everton have begun to string a few results together. Kevin believes that the reason for the poor start was having three newcomers in the side.

"Myself, David Johnson and Andy King all came into the team and it took us time to get used to each other.

"Now we've done that I believe you'll see us get steadily better. There's a lot of potential at this club and I'm sure we're capable of winning things.

"What we've got to work on though is our consistency. We'll play well one week and then badly the next."



Kevin Sheedy — gets his first taste of a real Liverpool-Everton derby.

Liverpool have become the masters of consistency over the last decade, but Kevin knows that form counts for nothing in the derby matches.

"It will be played at a cup tie pace and the team that gets the breaks on the day should come through. I hope it's Everton.

"Liverpool beat Everton 3-1 on both occasions last season. It's time WE extracted some revenge," he adds.

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GOLDEN GOAL!

EVERTON 2
MANCHESTER CITY 1
League Division One
Goodison Park
Saturday, Oct. 1, 1983

Steve McMahon EVERTON



Kevin Sheedy — supplied the cross.

THE half-time tea was the

Everton's Steve McMahon

Just two minutes into the second period he

leaped up to power home the winner.

The move was brewed on the Everton left when

England Under-21 midfielder Adrian Heath shrugged

off the challenge of his marker to feed teammate

Kevin Sheedy.

Former Liverpool man Sheedy sent man-on-

perfect cross and McMahon beat the City defence to

send a powerful header past young goalkeeper Alex

Williams.

Andy King had given Everton the lead in the 24th

minute but David Cross equalised for the visitors

just a minute later.

And with Williams — stand-in for the

experienced Joe Corrigan — in fine form, the

half kicked off with the Goodison Park faithful

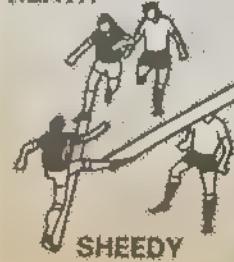
wondering if they might have to settle for taking

the spoils.

A little piece of McMahon magic may yet

Adrian Heath shrugs off a challenge from his marker to feed Kevin Sheedy who sends in an accurate cross for Steve McMahon to head home.

HEATH



SHEEDY

STEVE
MCMAHON



WILLIAMS

MCMAHON

DUNDEE United qualified for the Final of the Scottish League Cup despite trailing 2-0 to mighty Celtic after the first leg.

I would have given United their home ground. I can quite easily see them getting two goals in 90 minutes and then going through in extra-time.

But the key to United's upset is striker Paul Sturrock. They missed him badly in the first leg at Parkhead. With Paul leading the attack they could do it. Without him they might win 1-0 and that won't be enough.

United were without both Paul and Eamonn Bannon in the first leg and their lack of strength in depth was exposed. They had no one to replace them.

Tommy Burns and Davy McCluskey were out of the side through injury, but the Premier Division leaders have no staff to cope — even without such important members of the side.

The other Semi-Final between Rangers and Hearts went according to plan, although the Glasgow side had to wait until 10 minutes from the end before David Cooper opened the scoring.

It wasn't as easy as many imagined and Hearts put up a gutsy performance. The match also provided a quick return to Ibrox Park for former skipper Sandy Jardine, who joined Hibs at the close season.

The Edinburgh side have done very well to reach this stage of the competition — beating two Premier Division sides on the way.

But while the Cup run will have been a great confidence booster for them, Hearts' main priority this season must be to get back into the Premier Division.

They were relegated in 1983 but they've stayed a full-time club because of a vital from the financial point of view that they make a quick return to the top division.

They narrowly missed out on promotion when they finished third and are currently well placed to make another determined bid this time round.

I'd like to see them in the Premier Division because they are a big club and have the potential to attract crowds of 12,000.

So although everyone would like to see a Celtic v Rangers Scottish League Cup Final, I'm going for Dundee United v Rangers.

Talking of Dundee United

Celtic will topple

to win on Tuesday, November 20, and we're determined to end the sequence of defeats by the Tannadice Park club.

They've beaten us twice already this season — once in the League and twice in the League Cup. It's high time we put our back.

And the way we're playing at the moment I believe we can beat them. Even our manager Alex Ferguson — who's not known to go overboard — has been very generous in his praise.

After our 2-0 win over Kilmarnock he called our performance "out of this world". That's praise indeed!

On Wednesday, November 21, we hope to be on international duty in Switzerland when Scotland play their second European Championship qualifier.

The mood in the camp at the moment is very good following our 2-0 win over East Germany last month at Hampden Park. Okay, they weren't exactly world-beaters, but the East Germans are always a tough side to break down.

I feel that we were beginning to play as a team and the Swiss game will put that theory to the test.

The Swiss are going to be very difficult to beat. They gave England a testing time in the World Cup qualifiers.

I don't know that much about them, but they play the typical continental game — playing the ball about and building up attacks through midfield.

In these qualifying matches you've got to look towards winning all your home games, clinching a point away. That's usually good enough to get you through.

But you won't mind taking a draw, more looking for a draw. We've got players in the side, like John Robertson, who want to win the game and have the skill to do so.

Playing for a draw is a dangerous thing to do. You can easily find yourself a couple of goals down and then you've got to claw your way back.

THE GORDON STRACHAN COLUMN:
The Aberdeen and Scotland star gives his shock verdict on the Scottish League Cup Semi-Finals



Gordon Strachan
Anthony Harvey

I'm a 17-year-old Norwich fan and would like a girl pen pal of my own age.

John Alderton, 29 Welbourne's Lane, Long Bennington, Newark, Notts.

ASTON Villa are my top team and striker Gary Shaw is my favourite player. I'd like a pen pal who also supports the European Champions.

Fiona McCann (15), 63 Henley Road, Bell Green, Coventry CV2 1LQ.

I'm a 16-year-old Hartlepool supporter and would like a penfriend who supports any other team.

Paul Charnock, 110 Hatfield Place, Peterlee, Co Durham.

MADNESS and The Specials are my favourite pop groups, while I support Leeds. I'd like a pen pal who follows Eddie Gray's team or Liverpool or Arsenal. Paul Morson, 12 Oakleafs Drive, Thrapston, Northants.

STAN Bowles and new goalkeeper Paddy Roche are my favourite players in the Brentford team. I'd like a pen pal of my own age who follows Brentford and also likes Madness and Bad Manners.

Adrian Lewis (10), 5 Coates Walk, Brentford, Middlesex.

BURNLEY are my top team and goalkeeper Alan Stevenson my favourite player. I'd like to write to someone who supports either Burnley or Spurs.

Trevor Reich, Klepersol House, University of The Orange Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

I'M a Spurs fan and would like a penfriend of my own age.

Sarah Prutton (14), 49 Caslon Way, Letchworth, Herts.

I'D like a pen friend who supports Manchester United. I am 14-years-old.

Peter Diamond, 14 Beaconfield Street, Hyson Green, Nottingham NG7 6FD.

I'D like a pen pal of my own age who lives in the Liverpool area and supports Everton.

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Mark Harrison, Derek Parkin,
physio).

Wright, Hampton, Peter Griffiths, Bill Asprey (assistant
manager), Dave Weston, Robbie Barker (manager), Mike Thomas
(physio).

STAR CHALLENGE

ADRIAN Heath will be in the thick of the action at Goodison Park on Saturday as giants Everton and Liverpool clash in the big Merseyside derby.

It will be Adrian's second taste of the special derby atmosphere since his move from Stoke last season. He was on the losing side on March 1 when Liverpool won 3-1.

And as well as hoping for revenge over the League Champions, Adrian faces another challenge — to prove his worth as a tipster.

The energetic midfielder is this week's guest on 'Star Challenge'. He was chosen by 'Match' reader Deborah Waldron (15) of Formby, Liverpool.

Each week we select ten matches and one lucky reader gets the chance to see his or her predictions in print — alongside those of a famous player.

Deborah is a keen 'Toffees' fan and you can see her predictions alongside those of Adrian in the special predictions panel below.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and if Deborah manages to score more than her favourite player she will be presented with a 'Star Challenge' certificate.

Win or lose, every reader lucky enough to tackle a star receives a personally signed photograph.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge' all you have to do is write in, enclosing your name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and most importantly your home telephone number.

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Here are the fan selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

'the actual result. Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.'

Match	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Birmingham v West Brom	1-2	1-2		
Brighton v Man Utd	1-3	1-2		
Coventry v Aston Villa	1-1	2-2		
Luton v Arsenal	2-0	1-1		
Man C v Southampton	3-1	1-0		
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Stoke v West Ham	2-2	1-1		
Swansea v Sunderland	0-0	2-0		
Spurs v Watford	0-1	1-2		



Below: Everton's Adrian Heath in action against Liverpool's Mark Lawrenson in the Merseyside derby clash last season. He is challenged by 'Match' reader Deborah Waldron.



ADRIAN HEATH

IS THIS
WEEK'S
STAR
GUEST

FIXTURES

Saturday, Nov. 6

DIVISION ONE

Birmingham v West Brom

Brighton v Man Utd

Coventry v Aston Villa

Everton v Liverpool

Luton v Arsenal

Man C v Southampton

Norwich v Notts C

Not'tm F v Ipswich

Stoke v West Ham

Swansea v Sunderland

Spurs v Watford

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v Carlisle

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Cardiff v Preston

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Oxford v Sheff Utd

Portsmouth v Gillingham

Reading v Newport

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Crewe

Bristol C v Stockport

Chester v Bury

Darlington v Swindon

Harlepool v Wimbledon

Hull v Peterborough

Rochdale v Port Vale

Scunthorpe v Northampton

Torquay v Tranmere

York v Aldershot

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v Dundee Utd

Dundee v Celtic

Kilmarnock v Morton

Rangers v Motherwell

St Mirren v Hibs

FIRST DIVISION

Alloa v Dunfermline

Clyde v Ayr

Dumbarton v Queens Park

Hamilton v Clydebank

Hearts v Airdrie

Partick v St Johnstone

Raith v Falkirk

SECOND DIVISION

Albion v Stranraer

Berwick v East Fife

Brechin v Arbroath

Cowdenbeath v Stirling

East Stirlingshire v Stenhousemuir

Forfar v Montrose

Queen of the South v Meadowbank

Friday, Nov 12

DIVISION FOUR

Crewe v Scunthorpe

Stockport v Darlington

BRING on the Hornets! I'm buzzing again and hoping to make my League return against Watford at White Hart Lane on Saturday.

All being well, I expected to be fit for Spur Cup/Wimert Cup clash against Bayern Munich in Germany this week.

And despite any minor setbacks since the time of writing, my enforced lay-off appears to be at an end.

My first taste of match action since being stretchered off against Southampton in early September was in aid of charity — my own XI versus an Entertainers XI at Harlow in Essex.

So not only did it help me in my battle to get fit it helped boost the Cancer Research fund, although I don't know yet just how much money was raised.

The match was fixed up some time ago so I was pleased to be able to take part. In fact it was just the type of game I needed to test the injured knee.

Various personalities from football, TV and the music scene took part and it was good fun.

It went very well for me. I was a little tentative to begin with, but I was okay once I started using the ball and I managed to score a couple of reasonably good goals.

I felt the knee once when I jumped for a ball and that reminded me to be a bit careful but overall the leg stood up well.

My next outing was in a reserve match against Oxford University last Wednesday and again it went very well.

The knee was a bit sore at one point, but the pain went away after about five minutes and while it felt a little stiff after the game it was fine the following morning.

The University team were trying hard because it was a big game for them, so it provided good opposition and once again I managed to get on the scoresheet. It was a good goal too so it made my 25th birthday celebrations even more enjoyable.

It meant I was able to go out for a birthday meal with my wife Anne that night in good spirits.

Chris Hughman and Graham Roberts also played against Oxford University — both fighting their own fitness battles.

Chris came through okay and looked likely to make the first team last Saturday but Graham had to go off before the end of the game, so he's obviously got some work to do still.

So, barring accidents it was a Football Combination game against Swindon at White Hart Lane on Saturday and then the big one against Bayern on Wednesday.

While the Bayern game had been my comeback target for some time I could never be sure. I only had to bring the ball down wrong or twist the knee and it could have put me back to square one.

But you have to take a chance sometimes, when you've been out for seven weeks, I think I'm experienced enough now not to take unnecessary risks and I was careful not to endanger the knee in those first two comeback matches.

Some of you may already know the result of our trip to Germany by the time you read this column.

BACK AND BUZZING

THE GLENN HODDLE COLUMN

The Tottenham and England superstar reveals the inside story behind his comeback from injury.



but we certainly began the Second Round, second leg tie quietly confident despite being held to a 1-1 draw at home.

We could have been three goals up instead of one inside the first 15 minutes at White Hart Lane, but the chances just didn't go in for us.

They came into the game more and more as the second half wore on and finally levelled the score through Paul Breitner but we had more possession.

It obviously didn't help our pattern of play when goalscorer Steve Archibald had to go off so early in the game.

He'd given us the lead after just two minutes and was playing very well. Mark Falco came on in his place but we started hitting high balls up to him and that's not really our game.

For the Germans Karl-Heinz Rummenigge played very well on and off the ball. He missed one good chance but that was taken out of perspective by many people. He's world class.

Wolfgang Dremmier was their best player in midfield although Paul Breitner played well when Bayern were on top.

The other player to impress me was the big number five at the back — Klaus Augenthaler.

Those four appear to form the basis of the side. The rest looked fairly ordinary players.

Anyway we began the second leg on equal terms and the important thing was to be patient and not go out and try and win the game too early. I would have settled for us scoring the only goal of the game in the 89th minute before the match kicked off.

Our victory over Brighton in the Milk Cup took some of the pressure out of the Bayern tie.

If you remember we also drew 1-1 with Brighton at White Hart Lane, but the lads were confident of victory at their place in the second leg and in the end ran out 1-0 winners thanks to a 70th minute goal from Garth Crooks.

The match was built-up in the Press as a grudge game because of a last minute penalty incident in the first leg when our own Garry Brooke was accused of diving in the box.

But there was no ill-feeling on our part and watching from the stands I didn't see anything to indicate animosity on Brighton's part.

I felt we deserved the win. Ray



Danger man — Karl-Heinz Rummenigge

Clemence was asked to make a few good saves but I couldn't believe some of the newspaper reports which suggested Brighton were the better team on the night.

On the League front things have been going very well for the club. It was fabulous to see us third in the table knowing that there were five or six experienced players out injured.

One of those players forced to watch from the sidelines has been skipper Stevie Perryman who went down with German Measles.

He was due to go away for a few days to help him get over the virus, but his wife caught it so the trip was abandoned.

When I saw him last week he was feeling much better but it was unlikely he would make the Bayern match.

I was sorry to hear about the injury to England skipper Ray Wilkins in Manchester United's Milk Cup clash with Bournemouth.

It's a sickening blow for Ray at such a vital time of the season because he'll probably be out for quite a few weeks. I know just how he must feel.

The injury to his cheekbone means he will miss England's European Championship qualifier against Greece and it has been suggested that it might open the door for me to step into the team if I'm fully fit.

It would be a great way to celebrate my anniversary ...

See you in a fortnight.

Glenn Hoddle

Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.



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STAR GALLERY



"Peter Shilton (above) is the best goalkeeper in the world and will be worth a lot of points to Southampton this season," says Gary Jackson (13) of Abingdon, Oxon.

"Ray Kennedy of Swansea (left) has a great left foot and has scored vital goals for club and country," says Steven Pedder of Lancaster.

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Fifteen-year-old Kevin Poi of Epsom, Surrey, has drawn Spurs star Glenn Hoddle and says of the 'Match' columnist: "Give Glenn the ball outside the penalty area and he will show you the net."



Ronnie Taylor (14) of Tain, Scotland, has drawn Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish believing he is the best player in his position in the country.

TERRACE TALK

Edited by Michael Weavers



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Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

LET'S see if I can put you on the spot!

Who do you consider to be Britain's most exciting footballer — Gordon Strachan or Glenn Hoddle?

Eustace Ojekwe, Glasgow, Scotland.

• **HODDLE.** Well, you did ask...

MY favourite team, Stoke City, have lost many star players in the past. But it's nice to see the opposite happening now.

Dave Watson and Sammy McIlroy, last season's signings, have been complemented by the arrival of Mickey Thomas and Mark Chamberlain and it's great to see new-look Stoke playing really well in the First Division.

I'm sure they will, at least, win a place in the UEFA Cup. Kenson Politis, Thessalonika, Greece.

COVENTRY'S all-seater stadium and QPR's artificial pitch may not have been as successful at crowd-pulling as the clubs would have liked. But at least these two clubs have put bright ideas into reality. What have the rest done?

It is no good football clubs complaining about the drop in attendances when they do nothing to increase the enjoyment for spectators.

Coventry and QPR deserve a pat on the back. And the rest of the League should take decisive action now . . . before the crowds disappear forever.

Adam Gold, Northwood, Middlesex.

AT a time when the recession is hitting everybody very hard, I thought it was diabolical that Rotherham United should increase their ticket prices to £2.50 (standing), £4 (uncovered seats), £5 (covered seats) for their most attractive matches, against Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday, Leeds and Newcastle.

Rotherham usually get a bumper gate when they play such teams so why can't they be content with that?

At the same time, I think that Barnsley and Grimsby deserve a mention for reducing their prices for the Milk Cup games against Cambridge and Sheffield United respectively.

Rotherham United, please take note!

Andrea Hinchliffe, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.



Mike Thomas — great to see players like him at new-look Stoke, says Kenson Politis.

STUART Power, from Leicester, complained in 'Terrace Talk' that Ray Wilkins has lost some of his flair since joining Manchester United from Chelsea.

Stuart says that Ray has become 'bogged down' in defensive tactics and is one of the dullest midfield men in the League.

I disagree. Ray Wilkins is a great player. He may not score a lot of goals but he certainly creates a few and he keeps the midfield under excellent control.

If he is such a bad player, then why is he captain of England and Manchester United?

Tracy Duggan (15), West Derby, Liverpool.

I GET annoyed at the way people criticise Arsenal. Nobody has the right to call the First Division's longest-serving club 'boring'.

The same critics would be the first to howl if 'The Gunners' changed their tactics and were subsequently relegated for the first time in 53 years!

Simon Beale, Royston, Herts.

• **WHAT** makes you think that adopting a more positive approach invites the threat of relegation? Would Luton be more successful if they curbed their attacking flair? I doubt it.

WEDNESDAY is my favourite day of the week — because that's when I get my copy of 'Match Weekly'.

Many thanks to all your wonderful members of staff for their efforts in making 'Match' the best football magazine. Saleh Kefel, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Africa.

WHEN I heard that the Scottish FA were not going to pay English clubs for the use of their international players any more, I was speechless.

What would Scotland do without the likes of Alan Hansen, Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness, Steve Archibald, Frank Gray, John Wark, Alan Brazil and John Robertson?

I am sure that many Scotland supporters would agree with me when I say that a Scottish team picked from only Scottish League clubs would struggle against Fourth Division opposition. Laura Hooker (13), St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

• **YOU** expect Scottish fans to agree with a statement like that? Now I'm speechless!



Nottingham Forest's John Robertson — what would Scotland do without him, asks Laura Hooker.

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Bobby's blunder



Luton's Ricky Hill — thrown in at the deep end, says Richard Fletcher.

I AM deeply concerned about Bobby Robson's haphazard attitude as manager of the 'New England'.

English football is on the threshold of a new and, hopefully, successful era but Robson's wholesale changes have amazed me.

Some of the players introduced into his squad — like Mark Chamberlain, Gary Mabbutt, Ricky Hill, John Barnes and Luther Blissett — have barely had time to establish themselves in the First Division.

Yet Robson has thrown them in at the deep end.

Such sudden promotion to international status, at an early age, could damage these players' careers. Surely a slow and careful introduction of young talent into a side made up of mostly experienced internationals would produce better long-term results.

Richard Fletcher (15), Colchester, Essex.

I WOULD like to say that although I thought Sharon Chambers' idea of an identity card system to deal with hooliganism — 'Terrace Talk', October 16 — was a great one, there are dangers in the way the card system would be operated.

Of course, anyone found fighting should have their card taken away and be banned from soccer, but I've seen people pulled from the crowd just for shouting out in an effort to make the crowd sing.

It would be terrible if innocent people were banned in this way. Keith Hughes, Millwall, London.

AFTER watching the match between Rotherham and Newcastle, I waited outside Millmoor hoping to get Kevin Keegan's autograph.

I had asked another Newcastle player for his autograph and he said he hadn't time.

After an hour of waiting, I was told that Kevin had left from another gate. Disappointed, my dad and I set off for our car, when who should drive past but Kevin.

I waved, Kevin waved back and, a few yards down the road, he stopped. We ran over to him, he signed my autograph book and said that he was sorry that we had to wait so long.

What a player . . . and what a gentleman. Lisa Green (14), Worksop, Notts.

• I couldn't agree more. It's a pity there's so few of his kind in the game.

IF a Super League ever came about, then the teams elected to compete in it must be chosen on merit.

However, the game as a whole could lose out. Some of the more successful sides of recent seasons are not well supported — like Ipswich and Forest — whereas teams like Sunderland, Chelsea, Newcastle and Sheffield Wednesday have huge potential support but have not been as successful.

So, if a Super League was to be introduced, the gates at the 'hotbed' clubs could suffer if they were not included. And football would lose even more fans. Tom Lynn, Penshaw, Tyne and Wear.

GOLDEN GOOF

"WE'VE got some very young apprentices at Newport," says Peter Welch of Waitsdown Rhondda, South Wales, who spotted this Golden Goof:

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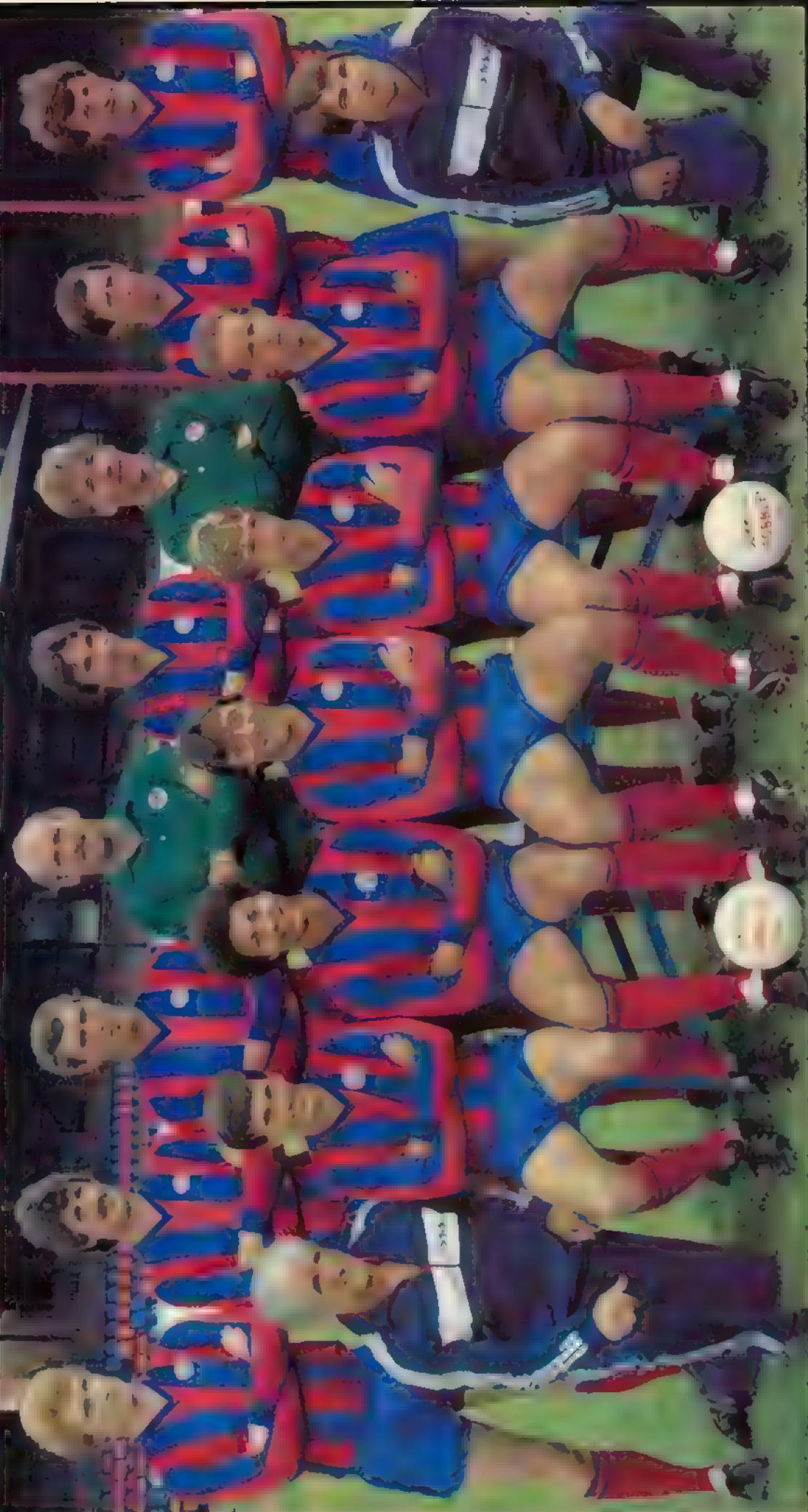
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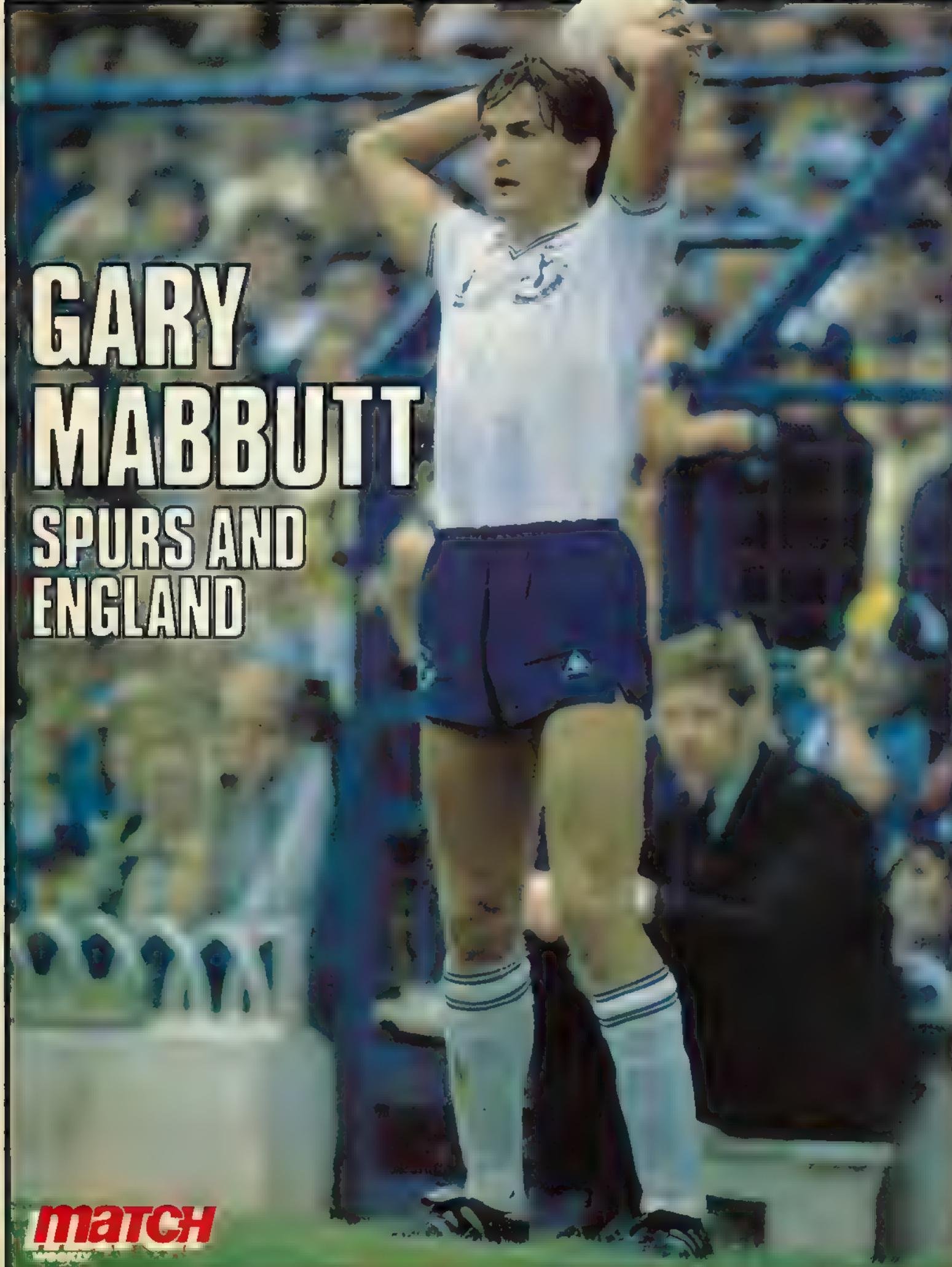


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Monday, Oct. 25

Milk Cup Second Round, Second Leg

HARTLEPOOL (2) 4 (Barker 9, Smith 45, Staff 46, Johnson 102)
DERBY (1) 2 (Wilson 28, Brolly 99)
After Extra Time - Derby win on away goals rule
Att. 3,596
Hartlepool: Watson 8, Brown 8, Stimpson 7, Hogan 7, Bird 7. ***LINIGHAN** 9, Staff 7
Smith 8, Lawrence 7, Johnson 8, Barker 7
Derby: ***CHERRY** 8, Barton 8, Buckley 8, Blades 6, Foster 6, McAlle 6, Brolly 7, Mills 6 (sub. Delziel 7), Wilson 7, Swindishurst 7, Skivington 6.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Milk Cup Second Round, Second Leg

BIRMINGHAM (1) 4 (Evans 28, Curbishley 58, 62, Dillon 82)
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Brown 37)
Birmingham win 5-2 on aggregate
Att. 7,861
Birmingham: Blyth 6, Mumford 6, Van den Hauwaert 6, Stevenson 6, Blake 5, Broadhurst 5, Dillon 6, Evans 6, Braz 6. ***CURBISHLEY** 8, Handasyde 8
Shrewsbury: Ogrzov 6, Williams 6, Johnson 6 (sub. Senkay 5), Potts 7, Pearson 5, Griffin 6, Cross 6, McLaren 6, Brown 7. ***MCNALLY** 8, Bates 6
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Downes, pen 62, Bamford 106)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Syrett 54)
After Extra Time - Blackpool win 3-2 on aggregate
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Simmonite 6, Hart 6, Deasy 7, Heitzke 7, Sere 10 6, Hockaday 7, Stewart 6. ***BAMBER** 8, Pashley 7, Downes 6
Northampton: Freeman 7, Dwyer 7, Phillips 8, Brady 7, Burrows 6. ***HEELEY** 8, Buchanan 7, Saunders 6, Syrett 7 (sub. Coffill), Messy 6, Buchanan 6, D 6
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★★

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Compton 28, Morgan 52)
MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 2 (Muhren 28, Coppell, pen 44)
Man Utd. win 4-2 on aggregate
Att. 13,226
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 7, Spackman 7, Brignull 7, Compton 7, Carter 7, Williams 6. ***MORGAN** 8, Dawtry 7 (sub. Funnell), Graham 6
Man Utd: ***BAILEY** 8, Duxbury 6, Aliston 6, Williams 6 (sub. Macari 7), Grimes 6, Buchan 7, Robson 7, Muhren 6, Stapleton 6, Whittle 6, Coppell 7
Referee: D. Vickers (Iford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BRIGHTON (0) 0
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Crooks 70)
Tottenham win 2-1 on aggregate
Att. 20,763
Brighton: Moseley 7, Shanks 7, Pearce 5, Greatish 6 (sub. Ritchie). ***FOSTER** 8, Gatting 7, Smillie 6, McNab 6, Robinson 7, Ward 7, Smith 7
Spurs: Clemente 7, Price 6, O'Reilly 6, Miller 6, Lacy 7, Hazard 7. ***BROOKE** 8, Falco 8 (sub. Mazzoni), Mebbutt 7, Villa 6, Crooks 7
Referee: G. Nathorne (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★★★

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Christie 30)
BARNESLEY (1) 3 (Donaldson, pen 38, Birch 51, Banks 85)
Barnsley win 5-2 on aggregate
Att. 3,717
Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Turner 6, Fallon 7, Lockhart 6, Christie 7, O'Neill 6. ***REILLY** 8, Street 6, Finney 6
Barnsley: Horn 7, Joyce 8, Chambers 6. ***GLAVIN** 8, Banks 7, McCarthy 6, Souter 6, Campbell 6, Parker 6, Ranson 7, Birch 7
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Middlesbrough)
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CARDIFF (0) 1 (Hemmerman 50)
ARSENAL (2) 3 (Sunderland 2, Woodcock 26, Davis 84)
Arsenal win 5-2 on aggregate
Att. 11,632
Cardiff: Thomas 7, Jones 7 (sub. Ingram 7), Bod 7, M. Cullen 7, Dwyer 6, Bennett 6, G. 7, ***BENNETT**, D 8, Tong 6, G. 7, Babbins 7, Hemmerman 7, Lewis 7
Arsenal: ***WOOD** 9, Hollins 7, Senson 7, Talbot 8, O'Leary 7, Whyte 8, Davis 7, Sunderland 8, Robson 8, Woodcock 7, Rix 7
Referee: V. C. Low (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

CHARLTON (1) 2 (Hales 2, pen 49)
LUTON (0) 0
Luton win 3-2 on aggregate
Att. 5,973
Charlton: Johns 7, Curtis 7, Walker 6 (sub. Ferns 7), Robinson 8, Elliott 8, Berry 7, ***HARRIS** 9, Bullivan 8, White 7, Hales 8, O. Sullivan 7
Luton: Findlay 7, Thomas 7, Money 6, Horton 6, Goodyer 7. ***DONAGHY** 8, Hill 7, Stein 7, Walsh 7, Turner 6, Moss 5
Referee: L. C. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Findlay (Luton)

COVENTRY (0) 0
FULHAM (0) 0
After Extra Time - Coventry win on away goals rule
Att. 8,217
Coventry: Sealey 8, Thomas 7, Roberts 8, Butterworth 7, Dyson 8, Gil 8, Jacobs 8, Francis 7 (sub. Whitton 6), Me Rose 6. ***THOMPSON** 9, Hunt 8
Fulham: ***PEYTON** 8, Hopkins 6, Parker 7, O. Dr. 7, Brown 7, Gale 6, Reeves 6 (sub. Scott 6), Carr 6, Conney 7, Houghton 7, Lewington 7
Referee: R. Millard (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (2) 2 (Mabbott 13, Hiles 26)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Clarke 33)
Crystal Palace win 4-1 on aggregate
Att. 4,502
Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Gibert 7, ***LOVELL** 8, Hughton 7, Cannon 7, Nebbeling 7, Giles 5, Brooks 6, Edwards 7, Mabbott 7, Hiles 10 6
Peterborough: Seaman 7, Reymont 7, Imbach 6, ***GYNN** 8, Slack 6, Rodway 8, Clarke 7, Quow 7, Collins 7, Benjamin 7, Chard 6
Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★

LIVERPOOL (2) 2 (Whelan 6, Lawrence 43)
IPSWICH (0) 0
Liverpool win 4-1 on aggregate
Att. 17,898
Liverpool: Grobber 6, Neale 6, Kennedy 6, Thompson 7, Whelan 6, Hansen 7, ***DALGLISH** 8 (sub. Hodson), Lee 6, Rush 6, Lawrence 7, Souness 6, Ipswich: Cooper 7, Bur 6, Miles 6, ***THIJSSEN** 8, Osman 6, Butcher 6, Wark 6 (sub. O'Callaghan 7), McCall 6, Mariner 6, Brazil 6, Gates 6
Referee: A. Chaknor (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Henkin 7)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Laws, pen 79)
Burnley win 4-3 on aggregate
Att. 10,328
Middlesbrough: Pigg 7, ***BROWNIE** 8, Bolton 7, Otto 7, Baxter 7, Wood 7, Mowbray 7, Cochrane 8, Henkin 7, Nutress 6 (sub. MacDonald), Kennedy 7
Burnley: Stevenson 7, ***LAWS** 8, Wharton 6, McGee 5, Phelan 6, Holt 6, Dobson 6, Stephen 6, Hamilton 6, Cavener 6, Young 7
Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: Hamilton (Burnley)

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Hunt 88)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Notts County win 3-1 on aggregate
Att. 6,921
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Goodwin 7, Worthington 7, Hunt 7, Kilcline 7, Richards 7, Chedzoy 7, Christie 7, McCullouch 7, Clarke 6 (sub. Hooks), ***MAIR** 8
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Jones 6 (sub. Deacy 6), Gibson 6, Williams 6, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner 7, Shaw 7, Geddis 7, Cowans 6, ***MORLEY** 8
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★★

OLDHAM (0) 1 (McDonough 59)

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Gillingham win 2-1 on aggregate
Att. 3,302
Oldham: Goram 6, Hockin 7, ***RYAN** 8, Bowden 7, Edwards 6, Fletcher 7, McDonough 6, Atkinson 6, Heaton 6, Wyld 6 (sub. Humphries 5), Palmer 6
Gillingham: ***HILLIARD** 8, Sherpe 7, Adams 7, Bruce 7, Shaw 7, Tydeman 7, Price 8, Johnson 5, Casciarino 5 (sub. Powell 6), Grewcock 6, Weatherby 5
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★★

PRESTON (0) 1 (Elliott 58)

NORWICH (1) 2 (Bertschin 21, Bennett 80)
Norwich win 4-2 on aggregate
Att. 8,082
Preston: Ichfield 8, Walsh 7, ***MCATEER** 8, Clark 6, Westwell 7, Gowling 6, Kelly 7, Bell 7, Elliott 6, Naughton 7, Bruce 7
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Van Wyk 7, Mendham 6 (sub. Jack), Ward 6, Watson 7, ***BARHAM** 8, O'Neill 6, Deehan 7, Bertschin 7, Bennett 7
Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★★

QPR (0) 0

ROTHERHAM (0) 0
Rotherham win 2-1 on aggregate
Att. 9,853
QPR: Hucker 6, Neill 6, Dawes 6, Waddock 6, ***HAZELL** 7, Farwick 6, Mickiewitz 6, Sealy 6 (sub. Stewart), Allen 5, Stainrod 5, Gregory 6
Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 6, Breckin 6, McEwan 8, ***HUGHES** 8, Green 6, Henson 5, Gow 6, Gooding 6, Seaman 5, McBride 6
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 4 (Wallace 23, Cassells 40, Armstrong 73, Moran 88)

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Allison, pen 14, Lyons 50)
Southampton win 4-2 on aggregate
Att. 9,878
Southampton: Shilton 6, Role 6 (sub. Puckell), Holmes 6, ***WILLIAMS** 8, Nicholl 6, Wright 7, Bell 6, Moran 6, Cassells 6, Armstrong 7, Wallace 6, Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Coleman 6, Hunter 6, Wigand 6, Ward 6, Allison 6, ***OSBORNE** 8, Lyons 7, McDonough 6, Les 6, B 6
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 1 (Taylor 11)

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Chandler 65)
After Extra Time - Sheff Wed win 3-2 on aggregate
Att. 7,920
Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Sterland 7, Bailey 6, Smith 6, Lyons 5, Shirlif, Paul 5 (sub. Pickett 6), Megson 6, ***TAYLOR** 8, Barnster 6, McCulloch 7, Owen 7, Bristol City: Shaw 7, Newman 6, Thompson 6 (sub. Kelly 6), Nichol 6, Boyle 6, ***RILEY** 8, Economou 6, Ritchie 7, Chander 7, Cooper 7, Crawford 7
Referee: N. Middleby (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (2) 6 (Charles 28, Morris, pen 40, Edwards 60, 73, 87)

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Moore, K. 13)
Sheff Utd win 8-4 on aggregate
Att. 13,637
Sheff Utd: Carroy 7, Richardson 7, Garner 7, Arnott 8, West 7, Houston 7, Morris 8, Charles 7, Young 6 (sub. ***EDWARDS** 9), Curran 7, Brazil 7, Grimsby: Grover 6, Moore, D. 6, Crosby 6, ***WATERS** 8, Cooper 6 (sub. O'Dell 6), Moore, K. 7, Cumming 7, Whymark 6, Drinker 6, Stone 7, Ford 6
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★

SWANSEA (1) 3 (Latchford 12, 50, 75)

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
Swansea win 3-1 on aggregate
Att. 9,755
Swansea: Davies 6, Evans 6, Hadzibabic 7, Charles 6, Kennedy 7, Rajkovic 8, Curtis 7, James, R. 6, James, L. 6, Stanley 7, ***LATCHFORD** 9, Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Sleeter 5, Williams, B. 6, Williams, G. 7, Parkin 6, McCaffery 6, Ho Ioway 6, ***WILLIAMS**, D. 6, Withey 6, Randal 7, Barrett 8 (sub. Channon 6)
Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★★

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Stoke: Harrison 7, Parkin 7, Hampton 7, Bracewell 7, Watson 8, McLaughlin 7, Maguire 7, **McILROY** 9, O'Callaghan 6, Thomas 6, Chamberlain, M 7, Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★★★

WEST HAM (1) 3 (Goddard 32, Stewart, pen 53, Pike 70)

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Moran 90) Att: 31,684

West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 7, Bonds 7, Martin 7, Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 7, Goddard 7, Clark 7, Allen 7, **PIKE** 8.

Man Utd: Bailey 7, Duxbury 7, Albiston 7, Grimes 6, Moran 7, Buchan 7, Robson 7, Muhren 6, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 7, **COPPELL** 8.

Referee: D. A. Hedges (Headington)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Grimes (Man Utd.)

Division Two

BARNESLEY (2) 2 (Glavin 15, Parker 31)

SHREWSBURY (2) 2 (McLaren 21, Brown 44)

Att: 11,150

Barnsley: Horn 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 8, Glavin 8, Banks 6, McCarthy 6, Souter 6, Parker 8, Campbell 7 (sub. Cunningham 6), **RONSON** 9, Birch 7.

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, Williams 7, Leonard 6, Pates 6, Pearson 6, Griffin 6, Cross 7, McLaren 6, **BROWN** 8, McNally 6 (sub. Sankey 5), Bates 6.

Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Hamilton 23)

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Atkinson 50, Ryan 82)

Att: 7,197

Burnley: Stevenson 7, **LAWS** 8, Wharton 6, McGee 6, Phelan 7, Holt 7, Dobson (sub. Cavener 6), Steven 6, Hamilton 7, Scott 6, Young 6.

Oldham: Goram 6, Hoolickin 7, Ryan 8, Bowden 7, Edwards 6, Fletcher 8, McDonough 7, **ATKINSON** 9, Heaton 7, Wyke 6.

Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★

CARLISLE (2) 2 (Droy, og 6, Shoulder 22)

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Lee 82)

Att: 7,141

Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 7, Haigh 8, Ashurst 8, Larkin 8, Craig 8 (sub. Rushbury 7), Staniforth 7, **COUGHLIN** 9, Poskett 7, Bannon 7, Shoulder 7.

Chelsea: Francis 7, Locke 7, Hutchings 7, Pates 6, Droy 6, Jones 6, Walker 7, **BUMSTEAD** 8, Robson 6 (sub. Lee 7), Speedie 7, Rhoades-Brown 7.

Referee: B. Megson (West Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Jones (Chelsea)

CHARLTON (0) 3 (White 54, 56, Harris 84)

BLACKBURN (0) 0

Att: 5,726

Charlton: Johns 7, Curtis 6, Ferns 6, Mehmet 6, Elliott 7, Berry 6, **HARRIS** 8, Bullivant 6, White 7, Robinson 6, O'Sullivan 6.

Blackburn: Gennoe 7, Branagan 5, Rathbone 6, Randall 6, Mail 6, Fazackerley 5, Miller 6, Hamilton 6, Bell 6, Garner 6, **BROTHERSTON** 8.

Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Gennoe (Blackburn)

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Hilaire 52)

FULHAM (1) 1 (O'Driscoll 31)

Att: 14,912

Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Nebbeling 7, Murphy 7, Lovell 6, Cannon 8, Gilbert 7, Giles 7, Hughton 7, Edwards 7, **MABBUTT** 9, Hilaire 8.

Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Lock 7, O'Driscoll 8, Brown 7, Gale 7, Carr 7, Parker 7, **CONEY** 9, Houghton 7, Lewington 7.

Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Gennoe (Blackburn)

CHARLTON (0) 3 (White 54, 56, Harris 84)

BLACKBURN (0) 0

Att: 5,726

Charlton: Johns 7, Curtis 6, Ferns 6, Mehmet 6, Elliott 7, Berry 6, **HARRIS** 8, Bullivant 6, White 7, Robinson 6, O'Sullivan 6.

Blackburn: Gennoe 7, Branagan 5, Rathbone 6, Randall 6, Mail 6, Fazackerley 5, Miller 6, Hamilton 6, Bell 6, Garner 6, **BROTHERSTON** 8.

Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★

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Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
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Sending Off: Gennoe (Blackburn)

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Hilaire 52)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0

Att: 5,738

Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Nebbeling 7, Murphy 7, Lovell 6, Cannon 8, Gilbert 7, Giles 7, Hughton 7, Edwards 7, **MABBUTT** 9, Hilaire 8.

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Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★

LEEDS (1) 3 (Worthington 44, Burns 76, Butterworth 84)

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Anderson 41)

Att: 26,570

Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 7, Gray, E 7, **BURNS** 8, Dickinson 8, Thomas 8, Hird 6 (sub. Connor 7), Butterworth 7, Worthington 7, Gray, F 8, Graham 7.

Newcastle: Carr 7, Anderson 7, Wharton 6, Martin 7, Carney 6, Haddock 8, Keegan 7, McCreary 7, Varadi 6 (sub. Hedworth).

McDERMOTT 8, Waddie 7.

Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LEICESTER (0) 0

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Mirocevic 10, Shelton 87)

Att: 17,341

Leicester: Wallington 7, Ramsey 7, Holmes 7, **EDWARD** 9, May 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6, Linke 8, Smith, A 6, English 6 (sub. Friar 6), Wilson 7.

Shrewsbury: Bolder 7, Sterland 7, Bailey 6, Smith 8, Lyons 8, Shelton 7, Megson 7, Taylor 7, **BANNISTER** 8, McCulloch 7, Mirocevic 7 (sub. Pickering 8).

Referee: A. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)

Match Rating: ★★★★

QPR (0) 1 (Stainrod 48)

BOLTON (0) 0

Att: 9,363

QPR: Hucker 6, Neill 6, Dawes 6, **WADDOCK** 8, Hazell 8, Fenwick 8, Micklewhite 7, Stewart 5 (sub. Currie 7), Allen 6, Stainrod 7, Gregory 6.

Bolton: **McDONAGH** 7, Berry 6, Bennett 6, McGovern 6, Jones 6, McElhinney 6, Foster 6, Rudge 6, Moores 6, Henry 6, Thompson 6.

Referee: J. G. Martin (Hampshire)

Match Rating: ★★★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Moore 89)

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 0 (Otto 5)

Att: 8,139

Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 7, Breckin 6, McEwan 5, Hughes 6, Green 7, Towner 7, **GOW** 8, Moore 7, Fern 7 (sub. Gooding 6), McBride 6.

Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Brownlie 7, **BOLTON** 8, Otto 7, Baxter 6, Wood 7, Mowbray 6 (sub. Roberts 6), Cochrane 7, Hankin 6, Kennedy 7, Bell 7.

Referee: G. J. Neptune (Loughborough)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WOLVES (1) 2 (Palmer, pen 40, Gray 55)

DERBY (0) 1 (Wilson 80)

Att: 13,804

Wolves: Burridge 7, **HUMPHREY** 8, Palmer 6, Matthews 6, Pender 5, Coy 6, Hibbit 6, Clarke 6, Gray 7, Eves 6, Butler 6.

Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 7, Buckley 8, Powell 6, Foster 6, McAlle 6, **BROLLY** 9, Skivington 6, Wilson 6, Hill 6, Dalziel 6.

Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 3 (Williams, D 2, 73, Withy 65)

READING (0) 0

Att: 2,720

Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Sherwood 7, Williams, B 6, Williams, G 6, Parkin 6, McCaffery 6, Channon 7, **WILLIAMS**, D 8, Withy 65.

Reading: Fearon 6, Williams 7, Richardson 6, Bevan 6, Hicks 7, Wood 8, Bason 7, Kearney 6, Dixon 6, **SANCHEZ** 8, Doherty 6.

Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Hemmerman 53)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 7,082

Cardiff: Thomas 8, Jones 6, Bodin 6, Micallef 7, Dwyer 6, Bennett, G 7, Bennett, D 7, Ingram 5, Gibbons 5, **HEMMERMAN** 9, Lewis 6.

Portsmouth: Knight 5, Ross 6, Sullivan 6, Doyle 8, Aizlewood 6, Tait 6, Thomas 6, Webb 4, Raftery 7, Biley 6, **ROGERS** 8.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)

Match Rating: ★★★★

DONCASTER (0) 0

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

Att: 4,065

Doncaster: **PEACOCK** 8, Russell 6, Watson 7, Snodin, I 7, Wigginton 7.

Chesterfield: Cawthron 7, Douglas 6, Liddell 5 (sub. Humphries 5), Austin 6, Snodin, G 7, Lister 6, Chesterfield: Turner 7, Bellamy 6, O'Neill 5 (sub. Athersych 7), **WILSON** 8, Green 7.

Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WALSALL (1) 1 (Kearns 37)

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Savage 36)

Att: 2,473

Walsall: Green 8, Caswell 6 (sub. Round 5), Mower 6, Beech 6, Marshall 5, **HART** 9, O'Kelly 6, Pendrey 5, Kearns 7, Buckley 6, Preece 8.

Wrexham: **NIEDZWIECKI** 8, Hunt 6, Bater 6, Savage 6, Downman 7, Muldown 6, Arkwright 6, Gregory 7, Davis 6 (sub. Edwards 7), Baker 5, Buxton 5.

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WIGAN (0) 0

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Aldridge 78)

Att: 4,108

Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Glenn 6, Lowe 6 (sub. Walsh 6), Methven 7, Butler 7.

WESTON 8, Bradd 7, Houghton 6, Gemmill 6, Langley 6.

Newport: Kendall 7, Jones 6, Relish 6.

BAILEY 9, Oakes 7, Stroud 7, Lowndes 7, Aldridge 6, Tynan 7, Vaughan 7, Elsey 6.

Referee: K. Barrett (Coventry)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (0) 0

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0

Att: 2,826

Aldershot: Johnson 6, Andruszewski 6, **GILLARD** 7, Scott 6, Wooller 6, Jopling 6, Sanford 5, Barton 5, Goddard 5, McDonald 6, Brodie 6.

Bristol City: Shaw 6, Newman 6.

JOHNSON 7, Nicholls 6, Boyle 6, Riley 5, Economou 6, Thompson 6, Cooper 6.

Chandler 6, Crawford 6.

Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)

Match Rating: ★★★

BURY (0) 1 (Parker 62)

COLCHESTER (0) 0

Att: 2,653

Bury: Brown 7, Gardner 6, Hilton 7.

BRAMHALL 8, Kenworthy (sub. Parker 51), Gore 6, Cruickshank 5, Jakub 6, Madden 6, Johnson 6, Firth 7.

Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 8, Wignall 6, Hunter 7, Coleman 5, Longhorne 6.

OSBORNE 8, Leslie 6, Allinson 5, Lyons 6, McDonough 6.

Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)

Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTER (0) 0

SWINDON (0) 1 (Rowland 77)

Att: 1,544

Chester: Salmon 6, Bradley 6, Needham 5, Stortz 7, Zelem 5, Dean 5, Sloan 7.

LUDLAM 8, Simpson 6, Thomas 6, Cooke 6.

Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 6, Baddeley 7, Emmanuel 5, Lewis 6, Graham 6, Pritchard 6, Batty 6, **RIDEOUT** 8, Rowland 7, Barnard 6.

Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ★★★

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Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ★★★

PRESTON (0) 0

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Hellern 17)

Att: 3,589

Prester: **ARNOLD** 9, Walsh 6 (sub. O'Riordan 6), McAtee 7, Clark 6, Westwell 6, Gowling 5, Kelly 6, Bell 7, Elliott 5, Naughton 5, Bruce 6.

Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 6, Spackman 7, Brightwell 7, Compton 6.

CARTER 8, Williams 7, Morgan 7, Graham 6 (sub. Funnell 6), Davtry 7.

Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

HEREFORD (0) 1 (White 47)

ROCHDALE (0) 0

Att: 2,402

Hereford: Plumley 7, Price 7, Bray 7, Hicks 7, Pejic 7, Bartley 6, Lane 6, Ross 7, Showers 6, McNeil 7, **★WHITE 8**.
Rochdale: Pearce 6, **★KEARNS 8**, Snookes 7, Martinez 6, Weir 6, Williams 6, Thompson 7, Hamilton 8, French 6, Wellings 7, Hilditch 8 (sub Thomas 6).
Referee: E. A. Crickmore (Plymouth)
Match Rating: **★★**

MANSFIELD (0) 0

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Walsh 25, McLean 83)

Att: 1,818

Mansfield: Arnold 5, Woodhead 6, Kennedy 6, Bell 5, Ayre 5, Bird 6, **★MATTHEWS 8**, Dungworth 5 (sub. Caldwell 5), Waddle 5, Sindell 5, Nicholson 6.

Darlington: Cuff 6, Brissett 6, Wilson 5, Smith 6, Rhodes 6, Kamara 7, Gilbert 5, McLean 6, Honour 5, **★WALSH 8**, Dunn 6 (sub. Liddle 6).
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: **★★★**

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

Att: 3,284

Northampton: **★FREEMAN 9**, Tucker 6, Phillips 6, Saunders 6, Burrows 8, Heeley 7, Saxby 7, Buchanan, J. 7, Denyer 6, Syrett 6, Buchanan, D 5.
Peterborough: Seaman 7, Rayment 6, Imach 6, Gynn 7, Firm 6, Slack 6, Clarke 6, **★QUOY 8**, Collins 6, Benjamin 6 (sub. Small), Chard 5.
Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Worcester)
Match Rating: **★★★★**

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Newton, pen 83)

BLACKPOOL (0) 0

Att: 5,449

Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tait 7, Bromage 7, Hunter 6, Sprason 6, Cegielski 7, Fox 7, Moss 7, **★NEWTON 8**, Ridley 6, Armstrong 6.
Blackpool: **★HESFORD 9**, Simonette 5, Hart 6, Deary 6, Hetzke 6, Serella 6, Hockaday 6, Mayo 6, Bamber 7, Pashley 6, Downes 6.
Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: **★★★★**

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Carter 63)

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Gammack 76)

Att: 3,005

Torquay: Horn 6, Doyle 7, O'Donnell 6, Riach 7, **★LITTLE 8**, Bould 6, Grapes 7 (sub. Brown 7). Carter 7, Cooper 7, 6, Anderson 7, Gallagher 7.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Keeley 6, Pointon 7, Parkinson 7, **★BAINES 8**, Hunter 7, O'Berg 6, Gammack 7, Cowling 6, Angus 6 (sub. Fowler), Leman 6.
Referee: T. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: **★★★**

TRANMERE (0) 0

HULL (0) 1 (McClaren 65)

Att: 1,548

Transmire: Endersby 8, Mathias 6, Burgess 7, Parry 6 (sub. Maguire 6), Williams 7, Powell 7, Ferguson 6, Kerr 5, Mungall 6.
★GRIFFITHS 8, Aspinall 6.
Hull: Norman 6, McNeil 6, Swann 6, Richards 6, Skipper 7, Davis 6, Marwood 7, **★MCCLAREN 8**, Woof 6, Mutrie 6, Roberts 7.

Referee: D. B. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: **★★★**

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Leslie 37, Thomas 84)

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Quinn 74)

Att: 2,284

Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Peters 7, Thomas 7, Galliers 7, Tagg 6, Morris 6, Evans 7, Kettleridge 7, Leslie 7, Downes 6, **★HODGES 8**.

Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 6 (sub. Smith 7), Sherlock 6, **★EMERSON 8**, Bowles 8, Thorpe 6, Williams 7, Phillips 6, Quinn 7, Park 7, Wardrobe 7.
Referee: I. J. Borrett (Suffolk)
Match Rating: **★★★**

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Newton, pen 83)

BLACKPOOL (0) 0

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Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: **★★★★**

YORK (2) 5 (Hood 33, Crosby 37, Walwyn 52, Ford 54, Pollard 71)

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Smith 88)

Att: 1,871

York: Jones 7, Evans 7, Hay 7, Sbragie 7, Smith 7, Hood 7, Ford 7, **★CROSBY 8**, Mae. Utd. 12 4 2 0 11 4 3 2 2 7 7 22
West Brom 12 5 0 1 12 3 2 0 4 7 14 21
Spurs 12 4 1 1 21 7 2 1 3 4 10 26
Man. City 12 4 1 1 18 8 2 1 3 8 11 20
Nott'm. For. 12 4 1 1 11 4 2 0 4 10 15 19
Watford 12 4 2 0 17 3 2 1 4 7 11 18
Stoke 12 2 2 1 14 10 2 1 3 8 8 18
Aston Villa 12 4 1 0 18 6 1 0 5 2 12 18
Everton 12 4 2 0 18 6 1 0 5 2 12 18
Coventry 12 0 2 0 18 6 2 2 4 4 11 17
Arsenal 12 2 2 2 2 7 6 2 1 3 4 8 15
Brighton 12 4 2 0 10 5 1 0 5 3 22 15
 Ipswich 12 2 1 2 11 8 1 4 1 10 8 14
Luton 12 2 2 2 2 11 8 1 3 2 13 15
Swans 12 4 2 0 21 11 8 2 4 4 11 14
Motts. County 12 4 1 1 19 7 0 1 5 14 14
Southam 12 4 2 0 21 7 0 2 4 4 17 14
Sunderland 12 2 3 1 18 6 1 2 1 4 8 12 13
Norwich 12 2 2 2 2 8 7 0 3 5 14 11
Birmingham 12 1 3 2 0 8 0 2 4 2 15 8

Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: **★★★★**

SCOTTISH

Due to production difficulties beyond our control we are unable to bring you our usual comprehensive Scottish results service. Missing Match Facts will appear in next week's issue.

Premier Division

CELTIC (1) 3 (MacStay 18, McGarvey 57, MacLeod 87)

RANGERS (2) 2 (Prytz 16, Cooper 40)

Att: 60,408

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Dodds 84)

DUNDEE (0) 0

Att: 14,959

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Murray 55)

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Weir 89)

Att: 6,194

MOTHERWELL (1) 4 (McLaughlin 6, McCleir 68, Flavell 72, 89)

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (McLean, pen 41)

Att: 3,016

ST MIRRIN (0) 1 (Baines, og 58)

MORTON (1) 1 (Cochrane 14)

Att: 3,446

First Division

ALLOA (1) 2 (Purdie 16, Holt 52)

DUMFARTON (0) 0

Att: 557

AYR (0) 0

RAITH (1) 4 (Russell 42, 84, Kerr 53, Spence 65)

Att: 1,007

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Caldwell, og 65)

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0

Att: 897

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

FALKIRK (0) 0

Att: 1,250

HAMILTON (0) 1 (Donnelly 82)

CLYDE (0) 0

Att: 843

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PARTICK (1) 1 (O'Hare 11)

HEARTS (0) 1 (Robertson 55)

Att: 3,045

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (Crewley 6)

AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Miller 33)

Att: 882

Second Division

ALBION v FORFAR — Match Postponed

ARBOATH (0) 1

COWDENBEATH (0) 0

BRECHIN (0) 2

BERWICK (0) 0

EAST FIFE (2) 2

STRANRAER (2) 2

EAST STIRLING v QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

— Match Postponed

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1

MEADOWBANK (1) 2

STIRLING ALBION (0) 2

MONTRÉOIS (1) 3

Correction

In last week's 'Match Facts', Martin Patching was incorrectly included in the Watford side which drew 0-0 with Coventry. Skipper Pat Rice played full-back that day and awarded six points.

LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Stein (Luton)	10	1	11
Latchford (Swans)	8	3	11
Blissett (Watford)	9	1	10
Crooks (Tottenham)	7	1	8
Wark (Ipswich)	7	1	8
Melrose (Coventry)	5	2	7
King (Everton)	6	2	7
McCoist (Sunderland)	8	1	7
Regis (West Brom)	5	2	7
Brooke (Tottenham)	6	1	7

Division Two

Drinkall (Grimsby)	6	5	11
Linaker (Leicester)	10	0	10
Davies (Fulham)	9	1	10
Bannister (Sheff. Wed.)	9	0	9
Garner (Blackburn)	8	0	8
Hamilton (Burnley)	6	2	8
Poskett (Carlisle)	8	0	8
Keegan (Newcastle)	8	0	8
Glavin (Barnsley)	6	1	7
Shoulder (Carlisle)	7	0	7
Mabbett (C. Palace)	6	1	7
Palmer (Oldham)	7	0	7

Division Three

Elliott (Preston)	10	2	12
Dixon (Reading)	12	0	12
Campbell (Bradford)	9	2	11
Joseph (Brentford)	10	1	11
Randell (Bristol Rovers)	9	2	11

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

Celtic	9	4	10	6	3	1	13	419
Dundee Utd.	9	4	1	6	2	1	3	14
Aberdeen	8	3	9	1	4	2	1	5
Rangers	8	2	2	0	3	1	3	11
Dundee	8	3	2	0	2	3	1	8
St. Mirren	9	1	2	1	3	2	1	6
Morton	9	1	2	1	4	1	3	14
Hibernian	8	1	2	1	3	2	1	4
Motherwell	9	2	1	2	2	0	4	3
Kilmarnock	9	0	3	1	2	4	4	14

First Division

St Johnstone	12	5	1	0	18	3	1	12	918
Hearts	12	4	2	0	14	4	2	1	817
Clydebank	12	3	2	1	10	7	4	0	212016
Raith	12	4	0	2	11	3	1	10	715
Airdrie	12	2	1	3	11	6	1	13	414
Ales	12	5	0	1	14	4	2	1	12
Dumbarton	12	3	2	2	8	2	1	3	911
Partick	12	2	2	2	8	2	1	3	910
Hamilton	12	3	1	2	11	9	1	1	414
Ayr	12	2	2	2	7	11	1	1	108

PETER Ward returned to his old club Brighton convinced he's a better player.

The striker's confidence is sky high following a tremendously successful summer season with Seattle Sounders when he was voted the North American Soccer League's best player.

That's in sharp contrast to his struggle to establish himself in the Nottingham Forest side after a £400,000 move from the Goldstone Ground in October 1980.

And Peter admits: "Although I enjoyed my stay at Nottingham Forest my confidence suffered because I couldn't get a regular first team place.

"Ironically I played my best football for Forest just before I flew off to Seattle. Now I feel on top of my form and full of confidence."

Peter was a sensation in America and helped his club to the NASL Soccer Bowl Final, where they were narrowly beaten 1-0 by giants New York Cosmos.

His form persuaded Sounders to buy him and he's joined his former Forest team-mate Gary Mills, currently on loan to Derby, as a fully fledged Seattle player.

"I thoroughly enjoyed playing out there and I'm a better all-round player for the experience," says Peter, on loan to Brighton for four months.

"I loved playing on astroturf every week and I believe it's improved my ball control. There's no doubt that the surface encourages skill."

"I was marked man for man every time I played and I've also learnt how to cope with that better."

Peter starred in a Seattle side which was brimming with British players — among them Kenny Hibbitt of Wolves, former Arsenal and England midfielder Alan Hudson and Manchester City's £1m misfit Steve Daley.

He returned to the First Division for Brighton's home game against West Ham and his appearance added more than 7,000 to the club's average gate.

"It's great to be back at Brighton, and I was very pleased with the reception I was given by the fans," says Peter, who helped his club to a 3-1 victory.

"Even though I had a couple of offers from other clubs it was very difficult to turn down Brighton's bid. I had six happy years here before moving to Nottingham.

'IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK' says Peter Ward

"I knew there wasn't much chance of me getting into the Forest side this season. Garry Birtles and Ian Wallace are playing so well together."

"I don't regret making the move to Forest. At the time it was a good one for me and I learned a great deal while I was there."

"There's no ill feeling between me and the club and I'm pleased that they are doing well again," says the 26-year-old, who made just 31 League appearances in a Forest shirt.

"I think the club has a very bright future. There's a lot of good young players at the City Ground and with experienced players like Colin Todd and John Robertson to help them along I can see them doing well."

Now Peter is determined to help Brighton climb up the First Division after an indifferent start to the new season. He says: "There's a good squad of players here and we shouldn't be struggling."

"Brighton have let a few goals in away from home and if we can tighten that up there's no reason why results shouldn't pick up."

Peter was signed by Brighton for the first time in May 1975 from non-League Burton Albion. He made 178 appearances and scored 79 goals.

Right: Peter Ward — no regrets at joining Forest even though he couldn't command a regular first team place.



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GEOFF PALMER WOLVES

FULL NAME: Geoffrey Palmer.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Cannock, July 11, 1954.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 11in/11st 12lb.
MARRIED: Yes, to Erica.
CHILDREN: Steve (5) and Laura (2).
CAR: VW Scirocco.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: Tops or Toppo.
WORST EVER INJURY: Broken heart after losing two FA Cup Semi-Finals.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Stoke's Derek Parkin — the perfect professional.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Franz Beckenbauer — he's pure magic.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, Mills, Parkin, Souness, O'Leary, Hughes, Ball, Brookins, Keegan, Law, Best.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Shilton (England), Kaltz, Breitner (both West Germany), Souness (Scotland), Beckenbauer (West Germany), Hughes (England), Gerson, Jairzinho (both Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Kempes (Argentina), Best (N. Ireland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Atletico Bilbao's ground in Spain.
BEST GOAL SCORED: A twenty yard half-volley against Burnley in the League Cup two years ago.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Ian Edwards' volley for Wrexham against Derby two seasons ago.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all difficult.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The 1974 and 1980 League Cup Finals.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing at Wembley.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing two FA Cup Semi-Finals.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, snooker and pool.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing with my children.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Traffic jams and long coach journeys.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Coronation Street and Minder.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Emmerdale Farm.
FAVOURITE READING: Match Weekly.
FAVOURITE POP GROUP: E.L.O.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast beef.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Portugal.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Pamela Stephenson.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Rocky I and Rocky II.
BEST FRIEND: My wife.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, John Barnwell and Richie Barker.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Hooligans — they make me sick.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Boiled chicken.
INTERNATIONAL CAPS: Two England Under 23 caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful after my football career.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a League Championship medal.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I hope to set up my own business.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Wolves' Billy Livingstone.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Littlewoods pools agent on a Monday morning.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen and always train hard.

